

February 14, 2021

St. Francis' Episcopal Church

**THE FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD**

*& Last Sunday after
The Epiphany*



Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION SUNDAY

In recognition of ECM's 65th Anniversary, the 2019 Diocesan Convention passed a resolution establishing "Episcopal City Mission Sunday" on the Last Sunday of Epiphany each year (or nearest Sunday parish calendars allow). The Last Sunday after Epiphany is also known as "Transfiguration Sunday", because it uses one of the Gospel readings about the transfiguration of Christ on the holy mountain. ECM works to see the lives of children in the Juvenile Justice System in St. Louis transfigured through God's grace.

Our chaplains and volunteers help us see the glory of Christ shining through these children – regardless of their circumstances; through our work, we to endeavor to reflect God's love into their lives.

For over 65 years ECM has been a ministry of presence to children (ages 11-17) in the Juvenile Justice System in St. Louis. We can never be certain of the ways or extent that our work has changed the children we serve. The poem below expresses our hope for making a long-lasting difference in their young lives.

You Never Know

You never know when someone might
catch a dream from you.
Or something you say
may open up the windows
of a mind that seeks light.
The way you live may not matter at all.
But you never know, it might.
And just in case it could be
that another's life, through you,
might possibly change for the better,
with a better and brighter view,
it seems it might be worth a try
at pointing the way to the right.
Of course, it may not matter at all.
But then again, it might.
~ Unknown

Episcopal City Mission Prayer Cycle

Learning to see the glory of God in others requires spiritual discipline on our part. Please consider making this cycle of prayer part of your discipline during Lent, training yourself to see Christ's glory shining through the lives of these children, praying to see them transfigured in their circumstances.

Monday

Pray for the children at the City Detention Center; the families of these children; Chaplains Kevin Aldridge and Clive Samson; Superintendent Gerald Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Martin Jenkins, and the staff of the Detention Center.

Tuesday

Pray for the children at the County Detention Center; the families of these children; Chaplains Deborah Burris and Norman Malloyd, Jr.; Superintendent Kellie Landaker, and the staff of the St. Louis County Detention Center.

Wednesday

Pray for the children at the Missouri Hills Division of Youth Services' facility; the families of these children; Chaplain Kevin Aldridge; Assistant Regional Administrators Audrey Helfrich and Carlos Newberry, and the staff of Missouri Hills.

Thursday

Pray for those children in the Juvenile Justice System in St. Louis who are certified to stand trial as adults, and for their families.

Friday

Prayers of gratitude for the supporters of ECM; and for Board President The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Board Chair Jane Mayfield, members of the ECM Board and Advisory Council, Parish Ambassadors and Birthday Celebration hosts, Executive Director Beth Goad and Development Assistant Angela Breeher.

Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar


The Word of God

*The people of God gather together.
A bell rings out. Silence is kept.*

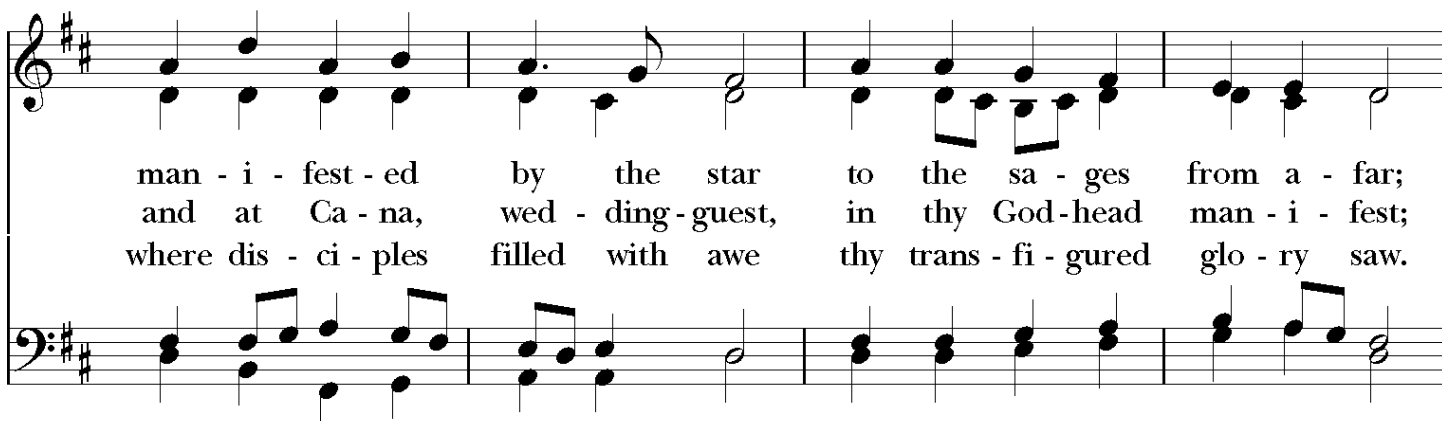
Gathering Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Hymn Leader, Sally Boyd and Leah Milton

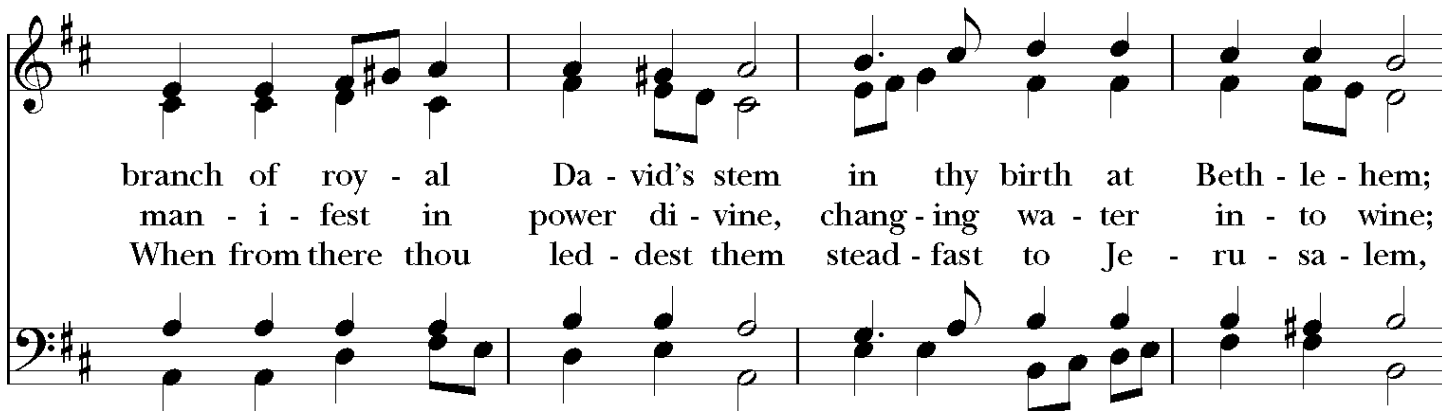
H 135 v. 1-2, 4



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - them be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Acclamations

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

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

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

Officiant and People:

**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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn Leader, Leah Milton, St. Barnabas'

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**
 Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Second 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.

People: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 50

v 1-6

Psalm Leader, Leah Milton



- 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 a/bove
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 Second Reading

Reader: A reading from 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.

People: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn Leader, Sally Boyd and Leah Milton

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. **Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. **D.C.**

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

9:2-9

People: **Glory to you, O 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 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.
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.**

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Beholding God's glory in the world about us, and in the faces of our sisters and brothers, we offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Word made Flesh, enlighten the world with the fruits of your peace, that all your children may be fed, educated, sheltered, and loved; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Lamb of God, enfold into your care the youth in the juvenile justice system at the Episcopal City Mission, and by your grace shepherd those who are devoted to being the transforming presence of your love in the lives of the children of your flock; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Light of the world, we pray for those who are suffering with illness and for those who bear a private grief, especially Noel, Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann. We remember also those who have asked for our prayers, Kelly, Jan, Melissa, John, Chris, Ruth, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Pauline, Pat, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, and Lisa; and all who are afflicted by Covid 19, that God may bring them relief from their burdens; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bearer of the Cross, strengthen us to pick up the gods of this world, and dispel their power, that we may live according to your commandments, and in the liberty of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Rabbi and Teacher, empower the clergy and laity of your Church to preach the gospel and to live its message, proclaiming to others your forgiveness and love, your eternal generosity and daily presence in our lives; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Son of God, transfigure your Church by giving us the faith and courage to choose those things that bring spiritual life to the community, and to let go of those things which drain energy and joy; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Rock of our Salvation, strengthen those who work in the service industry, help them deal with difficult people and situations, and empower their employers to provide fair wages and safe working environments; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Incarnate One, be with those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially Mary Neele, that their souls and the souls of all the faithful may rest in peace and rise in glory; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: With the light of Christ to reveal the glory of God, we continue our prayers and petitions. At this time, I invite your intercessions and prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

At this time, please offer your prayers and thanksgivings for the world, the church, and all those we love.

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 13 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

Officiant: Gracious God, we give you thanks for 65 years of ministry by Episcopal City Mission with the children in the Juvenile Justice System in St. Louis City and County. Continue to bless Episcopal City Mission's work of bringing hope to these children and restoring them to the glory you intend for them; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: **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.**

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

The Blessing

Officiant: The blessing of God, the Eternal, the Incarnate and the Abiding Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

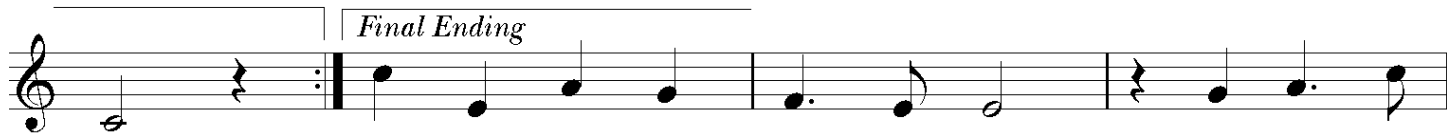
Refrain



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. **Lift**
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



Final Ending

joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann

For those who have asked for prayers: For Kelly, Jan, Melissa, John, Chris, Ruth, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Pauline, Pat, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, and Lisa; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Mary Neele; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters around our world; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the people and ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves, and their interim priest

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Officiant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Director of Music	Cheryl Foster
Lector	Kathleen McDonald
Intercessor	Barb Sacco
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Jackie Selle

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Prayers of the People
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