WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning Sunday, August 6, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 39

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP page 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jubilate BCP page 45

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; * we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; *

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Peter. 1:13-21

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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 5 BCP, page 51

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis, Luke 2:29-32
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 6 Glory be to God on high

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

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Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prayers BCP page 56

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays, BCP page 56

General Thanksgiving, BCP, page 58

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

Save the Date for the 2023 Annual Steeplechase Bike/Walk Fundraiser! SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 St. Mark's will serve as a Rest Stop on the 35 mile route again. We would love volunteers to spend part of their morning with us to greet bikers, and provide drinks, snacks, hospitality, and encouragement! Please see Madison or Joan to get organized!

More volunteer opportunities include:

The Student Involvement Fair is Wednesday, September 6th.

The Husky WOW – Week of Welcome is August 24 & 25.

Celebrate Mansfield is September, 30th from 2-6pm in Storrs Center.

Please see Madison to help welcome the students back.

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers: 8/6/23 Morning Prayer, Rite I

Worship Leader – J. Morrow
Usher – J. DeWolf
Reader – M. Zimmer
Prayers of the People – S. Gagnon
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