

# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023 8:45 AM

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**Prelude** Music for Sunday of the Transfiguration

**Opening Hymn** *Indescribable* Laura Story

Chorus 1: Indescribable uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky.  
And You know them by name. You are amazing God. All powerful untamable.  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim, You are amazing God.

Verse 1: From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing Your majesty. From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring, Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming.

Verse 2: Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go, or seen heavenly storehouses Laden with snow. Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light, yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night. None can fathom.

**Acclamation** pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria** Beth Elswick

***Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son – And to the Spirit, the heavenly Dove, the everlasting Three in One. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading – Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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."

<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 people of Israel. <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 Psalm – Psalm 2

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

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \* against the LORD and against his Anointed?

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their yoke,” they say; \* “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \* the LORD has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \* and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>“I myself have set my king \* upon my holy hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*

he said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, \* and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup>lest he be angry, and you perish; \* for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all \* who take refuge in him!

## The Epistle – 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.

**Gospel Acclamation – *The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in him I trust, in him I trust.***

## The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], 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 dazzling white. <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 make three dwellings 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 from the cloud a voice 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 looked up, 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.”

**Gospel Response – *The Lord is My Light***

## The Sermon

**Nicene Creed**

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin**

pg. 360 in BCP

**The Peace**

# HOLY COMMUNION

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## Offertory Music

*I Can Only Imagine*

Bart Millard

Verse 1: I can only imagine What it will be like When I walk by Your side  
I can only imagine What my eyes will see When Your face is before me  
I can only imagine.

Chorus 1

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel  
Will I dance for You Jesus, Or in awe of You be still  
Will I stand in Your presence, Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing hallelujah, Will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

Verse 2: I can only imagine When that day comes And I find myself standing in the Son  
I can only imagine When all I will do Is forever forever worship You  
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .  
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Beth Elswick

People ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

***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 Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Communion Music

#### *Uncreated One*

Chris Tomlin | J. D. Walt

Verse 1: Holy Uncreated One Your beauty fills the skies, But the glory of Your majesty Is the mercy in Your eyes

Verse 2: Worthy Uncreated One From heaven to earth come down You laid aside Your royalty To wear the sinner's crown

Chorus: O Great God be glorified Our lives laid down, Yours magnified O Great God be lifted high  
There is none like You (There is none like You)

Verse 3: Jesus Savior God's own Son Risen reigning Lord Sustainer of the Universe By the power of Your word

Interlude - There is none like You. There is none like You.

Verse 4: And when we see Your matchless face In speechless awe we'll stand And there we'll bow with grateful hearts Unto the Great I Am

### Post Communion Prayer

***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.***

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

#### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

YANCY

Verse 1: All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing. O praise Him, hallelujah! God made the sun to shine so bright; moon and the stars they glow at night.

Refrain

O praise Him, hallelujah! O praise Him, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah we sing.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah we sing.

Verse 2: All of you with a tender heart, serving each other, do your part. O praise Him, hallelujah! With each new day we will rejoice. Singing his praise, we lift our voice. Refrain

### Dismissal

### Postlude

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