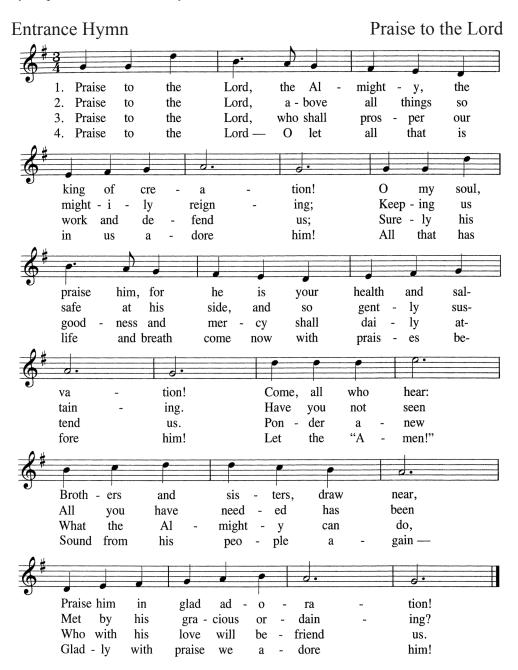
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eighteenth sanday of the year 4 august 2024 O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.



Text: Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König; Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14 14 47 8; Straslund Gesangbuch, 1665; Descant by C.S. Lang, 1891-1971, © 1953, Novello and Co. Ltd.

Penitential Act

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast, saying:

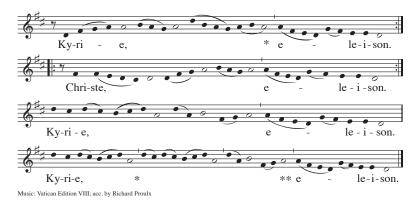
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People Amen.

Kyrie











First Reading

Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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





What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, we will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.

He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.



Second Reading

Ephesians 4.17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. *Response*.

Gospel John 6.24-35

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith (spoken slowly and reverently)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

Bow profoundly during these two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Bidding Prayers

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Offertory Antiphon

Exodus 32.11, 12, 13, 14

Moses prayed in the sight of the Lord his God, and said: Why, O Lord, is your indignation kindled against your people? Let the anger of your mind cease; remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to whom you swore to give a land flowing with milk and honey. And the Lord was appeared from doing the evil which he had spoken of doing against his people.



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: ST. PETER, CM; Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877

Offertory Anthem

Morning Hymn

Text: John Keble; Tune: Arlen Clarke

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought. New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven. If, on our daily course, our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice. Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love, fit us for perfect rest above, and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.



Prayer Over the Offerings

Priest Pray, brethren,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

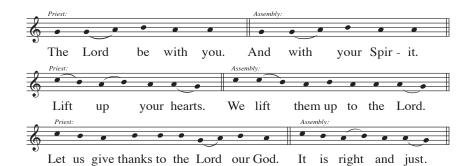
for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good

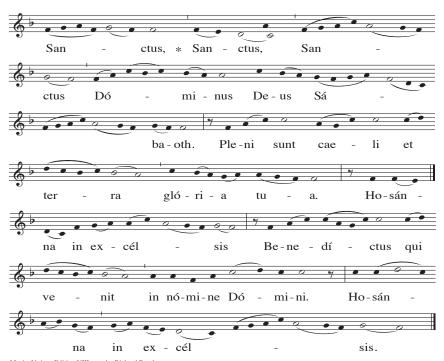
and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue



Sanctus



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Communion Rite

Priest At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

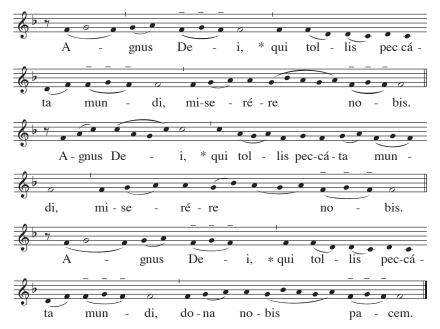
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei



Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Wisdom 16.20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in ev'ry taste.



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love you above all things.

How I long to receive you with my brothers

and sisters at the table you have prepared.

But since I cannot at this moment receive you in

the holy sacrament of your Body and Blood,

I ask you to feed me with the manna of your Holy Spirit

and nourish me with your holy presence.

I unite myself completely to you;

never permit me to be separated from your love.

Amen.

Communion Motets

O Taste and See (Ps 34.8)

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the man who trusteth in thee.

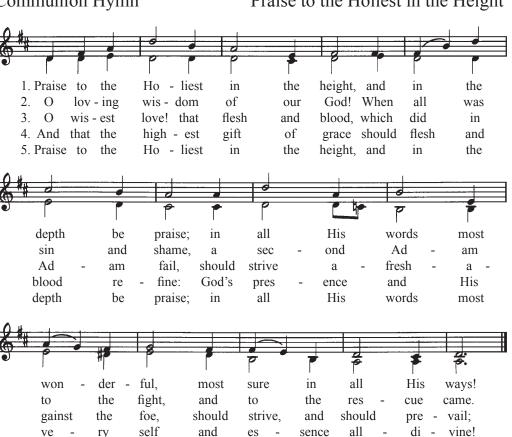
Psalm 147 Anglican Chant; Tune: FA Ouseley

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: and gather together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth those that are broken in heart: and giveth medicine to heal their sickness. He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite. The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praises upon the harp unto our God; Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men; Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion. For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.



Communion Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the Height



Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: Newman, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

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Priest The Lord be with you.People And with your spirit.

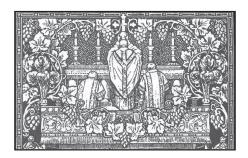
Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Deacon Go in peace.

People Thanks be to God.

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, smcgvl.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



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from the office of readings for the eighteenth sunday of the year

Greetings, sons and daughters. In the name of the Lord who loves us, peace be to you.

Because the Lord has granted you an abundance of blessings, I rejoice immeasurably in your blessed and glorious company. You have received abundantly that indwelling grace which is the Spirit's gift, and for this reason I hope in my own salvation and I give thanks all the more when I see the bountiful fullness of the Lord's Spirit pouring over you. I have longed so much for you that when I saw you I was overwhelmed.

I am now convinced and fully aware that I have learned much by speaking with you, for the Lord accompanied me on the road to righteousness, and so I am driven in all ways to love you more than my own life. For surely there is a great store of faith and charity within you because of your hope for life in Christ. Therefore, I have been thinking that if my concern for you inspires me to pass on to you a portion of what I have received, then I will be rewarded for ministering to souls such as yours. Consequently, I am writing you, that you may have perfect knowledge along with your faith.

The Lord has given us these three basic doctrines: hope for eternal life, the beginning and end of our faith; justice, the beginning and end of righteousness; and love, which bears cheerful and joyous witness to the works of righteousness. Now the Lord has made the past and present known to us through his prophets, and he has given us the ability to taste the fruits of the future beforehand. Thus, when we see prophecies fulfilled in their appointed order, we ought to grow more fully and deeply in awe of him. Let me suggest a few things—not as a teacher, but as one of you—which should bring you joy in the present situation.

When evil days are upon us and the worker of malice gains power, we must attend to our own souls and seek to know the ways of the Lord. In those times reverential fear and perseverance will sustain our faith, and we will find need of forbearance and self-restraint as well. Provided that we hold fast to these virtues and look to the Lord, then wisdom, understanding, knowledge and insight will make joyous company with them.

Truly, the Lord has revealed to us through the prophets that he has no need of sacrifice, burnt offerings or oblations. He says in one place: Your endless sacrifices, what are they to me? says the Lord. I have had my fill of holocausts; I do not want the fat of your lambs, nor the blood of your bulls and goats, nor your presence in my sight. Indeed, who has made these demands of you? No more will you trample my courts. Your sacrifices of fine flour are in vain; your incense is loathsome to me; I cannot bear your feasts of the new moon, nor your sabbaths.

- From the beginning of a letter attributed to Barnabas

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which will be celebrated this Tuesday, is described with slightly different emphases by Matthew, Mark and Luke and recalls the manifestation of the divine glory of the Lord Jesus to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. During this revelation of His divine nature to human eyes, Jesus was accompanied by Moses and Elijah, living symbols of the Law and Prophets, who spoke to their Savior about the suffering which He would endure in His passion and death. This combination of suffering and glory reveals the paradox at the heart of the Gospel which was spoken of by the Lord Jesus just before His Transfiguration: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (Luke 9.23-24)

The oldest known liturgical celebration of this feast was in the Armenian Church, and the 7th century Armenian Bishop Gregory Arsharuni wrote that the feast was placed in the liturgy in the early 4th century by Saint Gregory the Illuminator. In the Orthodox Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year, and it is both preceded by a fast and celebrated with a Vigil and an Octave, in the way Latin Rite Catholics celebrate Christmas and Easter. These liturgical observances underscore the importance of the truths revealed to us by the Transfiguration of the Lord.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which from antiquity has been kept on 6 August, forty days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, gradually entered the liturgical life of the Western Church through our monasteries, and by the tenth century this feast was observed in many of the dioceses of England, France and Germany. But despite the importance and widespread celebration of this feast, it was not placed by the Pope on the Universal Calendar until the 15th century, and the reason for that change is a timely one for us.

In 1453, Sultan Mohammed II conquered the great Christian imperial capital of Constantinople thus ending the Roman Empire in the East and laying the foundation of the Ottoman Empire. From that time forward the armies of Islam seemed to be invincible, and the Turks were on the move north and west. But on 22 July 1456, János Hunyady, the Governor of Hungary and a devout Catholic, led a Christian army to victory over the Turks at Belgrade, marking a turning point in the centuries-long struggle between the Christian West and militant Islam. In celebration of this victory, Pope Callistus III extended the Feast of the Transfiguration to the universal Church and ordered that it be kept each year on 6 August. Callistus died two years later on 6 August 1458.

Father Newman