

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Last Sunday after the Epiphany—February 27, 2022
Eucharist Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE

We All Are One in Mission

Words: Rusty Edwards
Music: NYLAND, Finnish folk melody

OPENING COLLECT

Steven Shakespeare

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant God unknown and unsheltered by our poor constructs: open to us the moments when heaven overshadows time and robs us of empty words; in the moment of silence help us to listen to the Chosen One, who goes to die that we might live, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE

Exodus 34:29-35

Lay Leader Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.
People **Our hearts and minds are open.**

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.

Lay Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Susan Moss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Lay Leader Please join together in affirming our faith.

People **You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
 You are with us now.
 You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
 You are God. We worship you.**

Lay Leader And now we join together with members of the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal Communion in translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives, in these baptismal questions. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Book of Common Prayer, Church of England

Lay Leader God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

People **Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Lay Leader We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

People **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.**

Lay Leader We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired...

People **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

Lay Leader We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

People **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Lay Leader We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

People **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

Lay Leader God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask.

Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

Lay Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the World!

May your Holy Spirit continue to guide and illumine the discerning hearts and minds of the Saint Mary's Search Committee and rector candidates, in the search for a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for ministries in your name. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Book of Common Prayer

Lay Leader Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you, we give glory, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

parishresources.org.uk

Celebrant Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. **Amen.**

You are welcome to make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button on our website, saintmarysepiscopal.org.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer 3, *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant and People worshipping virtually

Gracious God, You stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in. We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Jesus 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

9 am Liturgy Team from 2019

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Loving God, thank you for all the blessings of this life and especially for your presence in the bread and wine. As Jesus sent the disciples, send us from this table brimming with hope, joy and good news for the whole world. Amen.

CELEBRANT BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

#632 – *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

Words: William Walsham How

Music: MUNICH, adapt. Felix Mendelssohn

DISMISSAL

Deacon <Deacon says the words of dismissal.>

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME—BREAKOUT GROUPS