



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

August 6, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome Rev Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey as Interim Rector! The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Voluntary

Aria in Classic Style
Marcel Grandjany

The Processional Hymn

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Hymnal 7

The Liturgy of the Word

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The People say together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria

Hymnal S 280

Children ages 4-10 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your 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 you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading ~ 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 99

The Psalm is sung by the Choir

- 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.

The Second Reading ~ 2 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.

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

The Sequence Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak
Hymnal 129

The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 9:28 - 36

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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 man. 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.

The Prayers of the People — Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Rob, our Bishop; and John,
 our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People *For all who serve God in his Church.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Banks, David, John, Megan, Claire, and Marilyn.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and all those on our prayer list.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant says

The Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Announcements

The Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

O Nata Lux
S. J. Hussey

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.

Prae sole vultu flammeus, ut nix amictu candidus,
in monte dignis testibus tu paruisti conditor.

Te vox paterna caelitus suum vocavit filium,
quem nos fideli pectore regem fatemur caelitum.

O light born of light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
mercifully deign to hear our prayers and supplications which we raise.

Brighter than the sun in appearance, with clothes white as snow,
On the mountain before worthy witnesses, You appeared as creator.

You the Father's voice from heaven called his own son,
Whom we with faithful hearts confess is heaven's king.

The Presentation Hymn

O wondrous type! O vision fair
Hymnal 137

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to

be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S 146



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. A mobility impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natus de Maria virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

The Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Hymnal 324

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy name
Hymnal 366, vs. 1-4

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Festive Trumpet Tune
David German

Remember in your Prayers

A Prayer for Love (From The Daughters of the King): Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: David Waldron, Dora Hayes, Roy Dinsdale, Sandra Yarker, Rea Robles Harrison, Anne Stanier, Robert Callahan, Scott Edge, Carla Ross, Pamela Waldron, David Gregory, Roger Hines.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Irene Ferris, Greg Parsons, Ed Sergeant, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jaron Smith, Al Williams, Larry Sams, Rev. Hope Knobler, Jim Myrick.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Staff: Canon John, Rhett, Dawn, Cynthia, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of the Rector Nominating Committee: Philip Hand, Lisa Beerman, Kasey Bulford, Brother Massenburg, Katie McBride-Newman, JJ Thomasson, and Bill Tudor.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom, Victoria Eversoll.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Banks Coggin, David Pape, John Stuckey, Megan Mitchell, Claire Whipple, and Marilyn Mitchell.

We pray for those who have died. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Marge Bass
Vergers	Katie McBride-Newman, Jennifer Thomasson, & David Waldron
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Lawhead & Marianne Lawhead
Acolytes	Jude Henderson (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd); Mary Huskison (Banner); Palmer Fisher & Rowan Mattera (Torchbearers)
Readers	Mary Frances Honea & Lanie Mae Henderson
Healing Intercessors	Anne Graner & Carolyn Groover
Ushers	Bob Heaberlin, Stephen Camp, Rick Candler, David Carver, Heather Heaberlin, Sarah Huxford, Jeff Lawhead, Robert Parsons, Scott Seiler, & JJ Thomasson
Altar Guild	Polly Hopkins & Wendy LeVan
Flower Guild	Louise Howard

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Sarah Huxford in memory of her mother, Vicki Kindt Huxford on her birthday.*

Parish Notices

Healing Service: Wednesday Healing Services are held at 11 am in the Nave.

Salvation Army: The canned food donations for the Salvation Army has been a success! The Men's Club appreciates those who have donated so far. A donation box along with a list of needed items are located in the hospitality foyer.

Kairos at Burruss CTC: *Thanks be to God!* Kairos Prison Ministry has re-entered Burruss Correctional Training Center (CTC) in Forsyth with Prayer & Share and Reunion Sessions on the second Tuesday of every month from 4-6 pm. For information contact Bill Harrison, 678.416.2435 or harrytartan63@gmail.com. The next session will be Tuesday, August 8th.

Java Crew: The Java Crew brewing team are looking for volunteers! The brewing team prepares coffee for those wishing to fellowship between services at 9:30 am. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mindy Benefield via email at gacatfan@gmail.com or via mobile at 678.480.3042.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour Ministry is one of the best ways to reconnect with one another and especially to invite newcomers to join our fellowship. A SignUp Genius is available for volunteers to fill in for 2023. If interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry, please contact Nikki Henderson, Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net, for more information and to receive the link for the Signup Genius. Coffee hour is held Sundays after the 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall. Come, grab a cup and a treat, and connect with your St. Paul's family. All are welcome!

American Red Cross: Please consider giving! St. Paul's next sponsored Blood Drive will be held Monday, October 23rd. Questions should be sent to Virginia Williams, vb_williams@yahoo.com.

The Daughters of the King: Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!

Altar Flower Dedications: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate the altar flowers. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Please remember to submit payment either via the collection plate or Realm and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form by visiting St. Paul's website or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org by Wednesday 12 pm to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King (DOK) prayer list may be submitted online or via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org or via the DOK confidential prayer box in the Narthex.

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CLERGY AND Staff

Rev Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey, Interim Rector; **Rhett Barnwell**, Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Cynthia Meisinger**, Children and Youth Director; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Administrator.

VESTRY

Marianne Lawhead, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Outreach; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life; **Mary Frances Honea**, Health & Healing; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Tony King**, Worship; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications; **Virginia Williams**, Stewardship.

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