

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
— OF THE —  
**TRANSFIGURATION**

TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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**Vail Morning Prayer**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**



*Mount of the Holy Cross*  
William Henry Jackson (1843-1942)  
Department of the Interior. General Land Office. U.S. Geological and Geographic Survey of the  
Territories. (1874 - 06/30/1879)

*In the garden*

LEVAS 69

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the  
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so  
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing  
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He  
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.  
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we  
tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

## Opening Sentence

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Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Officiant says*

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

## **Invitatory and Psalter**

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*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

*Officiant & 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.***

*Officiant* Alleluia. The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

*People* ***O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.***

## **Venite**

*Psalms 95:1-7*

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***Come, let us sing to the Lord; \****

***let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \****

***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God, \****

***and a great King above all gods.***

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \****

***and the heights of the hills are his also.***

***The sea is his, for he made it, \****

***and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \****

***and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

***For he is our God,***

***and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \****

***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
***make known his deeds among the peoples.***

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
***and speak of all his marvelous works.***

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
***let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.***

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
***continually seek his face.***

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
***his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,***

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
***O children of Jacob his chosen.***

23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
***and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.***

24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
***he made them stronger than their enemies;***

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
***and dealt unjustly with his servants.***

26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
***and Aaron whom he had chosen.***

45 Hallelujah!

*After the Psalms, all say together*

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

## First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

**Canticle 19**

*The Song of the Redeemed*

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***O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,\****

***surpassing human understanding.***

***Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \****

***O King of all the ages.***

***Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,***

***and sing the praises of your Name? \****

***for you only are the Holy One.***

***All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \****

***because your just and holy works have been revealed.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \****

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**Second Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader* Here ends the Reading.

**Canticle13**

*A Song of Praise*

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***Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \****

***you are worthy of praise; glory to you.***

***Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \****

***we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.***

***Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \****

***on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.***

***Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \****

***we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.***

***Glory to you, beholding the depths; \****

***in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.***

***Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \****

***we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \****

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**Third Reading**

Matthew 16:21-28

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been



done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*Reader* Here ends the Reading.

## **Homily**

## **Apostles' Creed**

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*All stand.*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit***

***and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,***

***the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,***

***the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

***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,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

*The Officiant and People say responsively*

### **Suffrage A**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant and People*

**The Collect of the Day**

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***Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.***

**A Collect for Sundays**

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*The Officiant then says*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Missions**

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 473

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## The General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant and People*

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to  
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through  
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in  
his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our  
desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world  
knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.***

*Officiant and People*

*Officiant* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

## **Closing Sentence**

*Officiant then concludes*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*



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## **Prayer Square**

***Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers:***

Hugo & Jacki Benson  
The Edwards Family  
Pastor Mark Huggenvik  
Mother Emily Lukanich  
Georgie Zinda