



## THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

*Masks covering both nose and mouth are required at all times while inside the church.*

# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2022      10:00 AM

## The Holy Eucharist

‡ *The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist  
beginning on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer*

‡ *The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the  
Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena of Healey Willan (1880–1968)*

### Organ Voluntary

*Allegro moderato* from Sonata No.2 in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837–1911)

### Hymn at the Procession      137

WAREHAM

*This text, proper for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany and the Feast of the Transfiguration comes to us from the fifteenth century.*

### Acclamation

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

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

## The Collect for Purity

¶ *The Celebrant says*

**A**Lmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

**Gloria in excelsis**    ¶ *The music may be found at S-202 in the Hymnal 1982*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O GOD, WHO BEFORE THE PASSION of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ Then all are seated

# The Word of God

## The Lesson

EXODUS 34:29-35

WHEN MOSES CAME DOWN FROM MOUNT SINAI, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, 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 talked with them. And afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And 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 took the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses would put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*g All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm*

# Psalm 99

*Dominus regnavit*

TONE I.4

*¶ The first half of each Psalm verse is sung by the Precentor; the second half is sung by all*



*The Lord is King, be the people never so im•patient; \**  
 he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.

The Lord is *great in* • *Sion*, \*  
and high a-bove all people.

They shall give *thanks un•to thy Name*, \*  
which is great, wonder-ful, and holy.



The King's power loveth judgment; thou *hast prepared* • *equity*, \*  
 thou hast executed judgment and righteous-ness in Jacob.

O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down be-*fore his footstool*; \*  
 for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as *call up•on*  
*his Name*: \*  
 these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the *cloudy* • *pillar*; \*  
 for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest *them*, O • *Lord our God*; \*  
 thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.

O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him up-*on his* • *holy hill*; \*  
 for the Lord our God is holy.

## The Epistle

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

**S**INCE WE HAVE SUCH A HOPE, we are very bold, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not see the end of the fading splendor. But their minds were hardened; for to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds; but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ *All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession*

*This hymn is based on the scriptural accounts of the transfiguration found in today's Gospel. The poet has created a hymn of praise in which the worshiper is invited to join in praise of the glorified Christ.*

## The Gospel

LUKE 9:28-43a

*Gospeler* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**N**OW ABOUT EIGHT DAYS AFTER these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they awakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"— not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. And behold, a man from the crowd cried, "Teacher, I beg you to look upon my son, for he is my only child; and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him till he foams, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon tore him and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Right Revd Carl Walter Wright

¶ *Following the Sermon, all stand and say together*

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 and of all things visible and invisible;  
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ *All kneel*

## The Prayers of the People

✠ *The Deacon says these Prayers*

**A**Lmighty and Everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *¶ People Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*¶ Celebrant and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Celebrant stands, pronounces Absolution*

**A**lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath  
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon  
and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that  
all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus  
came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the  
righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only,  
but for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1–2*

¶ *All stand*



## The Peace

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*       And with thy spirit.

*¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord;  
This may be done with a wave or a bow; please observe social distancing and  
refrain from physical contact with those from outside your household*

## Announcements

*The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to our annual commitments from our parishioners.*



# The Holy Communion

## Anthem at the Offertory

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;  
These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They are carried up to heaven and down again to the deep:  
their souls melteth away because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.  
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, he delivereth them out of their distress.

For he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where  
they would be.

*Words: Psalm 107: 23-30*

*Music: Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)*

*¶ Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing*

## Hymn at the Presentation 380: v. 3

OLD HUNDREDTH

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,  
and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty,  
everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light  
to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy  
Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

¶ S-114 in the Hymnal 1982

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *The People kneel*

**A**LL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled ✠ with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ♫ *All* 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 Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung*

## **Agnus Dei**    *¶ The music may be found at S-158 in the Hymnal 1982*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**    *¶ Said by all*

**W**e do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## **The Invitation and Ministration of Communion**

*¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward. Please continue to wear your mask and, to maintain distancing, form two single file lines down the center aisle, at six-foot intervals in household units. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; then return to your seat, then consume the Bread.*

*¶ Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.*

*¶ Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## Motet at the Communion

O lux beatissima, Reple cordis intima Tuorum fidelium.  
Sine tuo numine, Nihil est in homine, Nihil est innoxium.

*O Light most blessed, Fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.  
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.*

*Words: Whitsundtide sequence, attr. Stephan Langton (d.1228)*

*Music: Howard Helvey (1988)*

## Hymn at the Communion 133     ¶ *Sung by all*

ELMHURST

*This translation of a tenth-century Latin text is rich in biblical imagery of the Feast of the Transfiguration which we heard in today's Gospel.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer     ¶ *Said by all, kneeling*

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing ✠     ¶ *The Celebrant blesses the People*

**T**he peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

## The Dismissal ¶ *The People are dismissed with these words*

✠. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

✠. Thanks be to God.

¶ *The Congregation remains standing as the procession retires*

## Hymn at the Retiring Procession 135

SALZBURG

*This great Epiphany hymn includes a verse representing the Transfiguration. Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light, where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.*

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Robert Wells Streett by his family.

## *This Morning's Liturgy*

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at The Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn in the season of Epiphany are bedecked with tapestry ornamental bands

† Alexandre Guilmant was a French organist and held his positions at both La Trinite and the Paris Conservatoire for many years. He is most famous for his organ sonatas. His opening movement of the 2nd Sonata is lyrical with flowing and lush harmonies that ascend through all of the registers of the organ that then concludes with a quiet and hushed ending.

† *They that go down to the sea in ships* which was written in 1979 for the Choir of Repton Preparatory School. The piece unfolds with a remarkable amount of material: a rippling, listless organ part with an attractive solo melody; rising and falling choral writing and later imitative writing, mostly developed over long-held organ pedal-notes and through changes in tempo.

† The American composer, Howard Helvey penned this gorgeous and stunning setting of *O lux beatissima* in 1988. It is an extraordinary work, recalling influences of both Howells and Vaughan Williams.

Today we welcome The Right Reverend Carl Walter Wright as our guest preacher.

The Right Reverend Carl Walter Wright is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Wright was elected Bishop Suffragan at the Fall 2016 House of Bishops Meeting in Detroit Michigan. Bishop Wright is the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries of The Episcopal Church. Bishop Wright's responsibilities include Episcopal chaplains and congregations in the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He travels the globe doing visitations wherever our Chaplains may be found among the more than 800 bases worldwide.



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