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“Last Sunday after The Epiphany”

*(The Transfiguration of our Lord/St. David's Patronal Festival)*

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017



The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, *Rector/Dean*

The Rev. Cn. Bernard Young, Guest Celebrant (8:00 AM)

The Rev. Eric A. Stephens, Guest Celebrant (10:30 AM)

Richard Williams & Herman Clark, *Wardens*

Phyllis Fibleuil, *Music Director/Organist*

Dorothy Lundy, *Parish Secretary*

“Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the  
Captive and the Oppressed”

*(“You are asked to please turn off all mobile devices during the service. Thank you!”)*

## Holy Eucharist

Introit Hymn: (1982)

No. 137

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Rite II) p. 355

(The people standing, the Celebrant says)

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever,

*Amen*

The Celebrant says:

#### The Collect for Purity:

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

*“Gloria” (Levas)*

No. 243

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

#### Collect for: “Last Sunday after the Epiphany”:

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Reading from Book of Exodus 24: (12-18)*

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’ <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*(moment of silence)*

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 *Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \* against the LORD and  
against his Anointed?*
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \* "let us cast off their  
bonds from us."
- 4 *He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \* the Lord has  
them in derision.*
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \* and his rage fills  
them with terror.
- 6 *"I myself have set my king \* upon my holy hill of Zion."*
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \* he said to  
me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 *Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your  
inheritance \* and the ends of the earth for your  
possession.*
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \* and shatter  
them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 *And now, you kings, be wise; \* be warned, you rulers of  
the earth.*
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \* and with trembling  
bow before him;

*12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \* for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

13 Happy are they all \* who take refuge in him!

*(All) 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.*

*A Reading from 2Peter 1: (16-21)*

16 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. 17 For he received honour 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.' 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 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. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.\*

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.* (moment of silence)

Gradual Hymn: (1982)

No. 129

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according  
to Matthew 17: (1-9)*

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.<sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.<sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.<sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I<sup>+</sup> will make three dwellings<sup>+</sup> here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>+</sup> with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'<sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: : *The Rev. Canon Bernard Young (8:00 AM)*

*The Rev. Eric A. Stephens (10:30 AM)*

*(moment of silence)*

The Nicene Creed (BCP)

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Prayers of the People (Form II)

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The Penitence (BCP)

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## *Exchange of the Peace*

### *At The Offertory*

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: *“God, The Mountains Tell Your Glory”*

God, the mountains tell your glory, lifting praise to you above!  
In your Word, each mountain story shows your presence and  
your love.

Noah built as you commanded; soon the waters swirled around.  
Those you saved, Lord, safely landed; you set them on  
mountain ground.

Lord, when Moses was returning to the mountain that he knew,  
There a bush was brightly burning. There it was he heard from  
you.

Later Moses felt your presence; in the heights he knew your  
grace.

He brought down the Ten Commandments from your holy  
mountain place.

Christ, you taught upon a mountain, showing us God's kingdom view.  
In the heights when you were praying, God's own glory shone  
on you.

Climbing to a quiet garden, in your grief and faith you cried.  
On a hill for our own pardon, you, O Lord, were crucified.

Thank you now for blue-green mountains, red-brown mesas,  
high peaks, too.

Here may we enjoy creation, know your presence, learn from  
you.

Here may we sing out your glory, hear your call and find your  
grace.

Risen Christ, we'll tell your story, from these heights to every  
place

Hymn after the Offertory

*Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,*

*Give thanks to the Holy One:*

*Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"*

*Let the poor say "I am rich,"*

*Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!*

*Presentation of Elements*

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "B")

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The Great Mystery

Hymns during Communion: (Levas)

Nos. 64, 173, 165

Post Communion Prayer:

*"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."*

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: (1982)

No. 542

Dismissal:

Musical Postlude: *(please remain seated, quietly)!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Usher's:

8:00 AM – *Wayne Harris; Marlene Thompson*

10:30 AM – *Maudelin James; Roy Waterman; Lincoln Morgan;  
Dorothy Dixon*



We welcome all visitors this morning, especially *Rev. Canon Bernard Young & The Rev. Eric Stephens, guest Celebrants* while Father Nisbett is away, and anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do visit us again.

During the Lenten Season, we will have “*Stations of the Cross*” every Friday evening beginning @ 7:30 pm. You will hear from your Care Group Leader with information on when your group will be meditating, and the procedures.

Casting Call, for Father Nisbett’s play “Who’s on Trial” If you are interested in taking part in the *passion play*, please contact *Lorna Moodie-Jones* or leave your name and telephone number in the church office. Thanks!

Health Guild reinstated. If you are interested in joining (member need not be health professional), you may speak to Sylvia Vernon RN.

Breakfast & Brunch, this morning, is given in memory of *Levan Reid*; by The Reid Family. All are invited to partake.

Sanctuary Lamp:

“given in loving memory of *Levan Reid*, who departed this life one year ago (2/25/16). We all miss you so much. Continue to rest in peace my dear” from Gwen Reid & family.

“given in loving memory of *Sylvia Sullivan*” from her sister Joyce and other relatives. “May her soul continue rest in peace.”

Flowers in the Sanctuary”

“Congratulations to our daughter, *Stacey*, on the completion of her Phd. Richard and I would like to thank all of St. David’s Family for their prayers and good wishes.” “It takes a village..!” from the Williams family.

This Week’s Events

*Ash Wednesday Services:* March 1, 2017 (9:00 AM & 7:30 PM; Imposition of ashes at both services.

*Telephonic Prayer Group:* *Every Wednesday and Thursday evening* @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are welcome and invited to participate).

*Parish Choir rehearsal* – Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

*Youth Group* meet on Fridays\_ @ 7:30 pm.

*St. David’s Quiet Day* – Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017: (10:00 AM –2:00 PM). Facilitator: *Rev. Dr. Dennison Richards*

*Youth Choir* rehearsals – Saturdays @ 5:00 pm

## Upcoming Events

*The February and March Birthday Fellowship Hour* will take place next Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 following both services. Please see *Rosalyn Brown (8AM)* and *Annette Marion (10:30AM)* for further information.

*Bible Study*: Next meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

*Refreshment Sunday (mid-Lent)*: Sunday, March 26, 2017. Add'l. information forthcoming.

*Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)-* @ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. (Tickets \$125.00 per person.) See *Barbara Morrison* for add'l. information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062 (asking for members & associates to take ads or page in Jubilee Journal) Thanks!

## SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS & FAMILY

*Inez Atkinson*; Andrea Alleyne; Veronica Alleyne; Dennis Alston; *Icilda Anderson*; Anne Arley; Maritza Armien; Nelda Binal; *Etta Blagrove*; Sherron Bokonga; Lilly Bowens; Ewart Bowie, Lowell Bowie, Ginnderland Brooks; Kirk Brouwer; Winston Brown; Jerome Bryan; Ralph Coard; *Lilla Codner*; Priscilla Coleman; Lancelot Cowan; Che' Constantine; Niall Constantine; Justine Cunningham; Kayden DaCosta; Muriel Cust-Francis; Cicely Daniel; Herbert Daniel; Sharon Davis; Egan Davson; Lawrence Demeglio; Eunice Dixon; ; Cecile Fearon; Jeanette Francis- Fearon; Winifred Garrison; Muris Gayle; Gordon C. Gladden; Patrick Goin; Winnie Gooden; Gem Grant; Nellie Green; Viola Gretton; Jeffrey Grosvenor; Sylvia Grosvenor;; Shae Haris; *Gem Harris*; Khaled Hassanin; Ida Headley; *Roy Henneman*; Janiese Henry; *Maureen Henry*; Donald Herbison; Rita Herbert; Louise Hermon;; Leslie Hutchinson-Morris; Ivy Irons; Marlon Jacobs; Victor Jiminez & family; Cecil Johnson; James Johnson; *Melrose Johnson*; *Joyce Jones*; Yvonne Jones; Rhonda Jordon; Michelle Joseph; *Germaine King*; Christie Laieta; *Ellen Lawrence*; *Jean Lawrence*; Dudley Lawson; Ronald Lee; Isabella Lewis; Robert Lewis; Lorna Lewis; *Fitz Longman*; Bertram Longworth; Joyce Lundy; Rev. Washington L. Lundy; Flavia Lytch-Threatt; Brandon Manasse; Amyika Marcial; *Bevon Mars*; Marc A. Mathews; Clara Maynard;; William D. Mullings;; *Kerwin O'Brien*; *Blanche O'Reilly*; John Parkes; Gene Pendarvis; Theresa Pulla; Nancy Taylor–Hall; Geneva Randolph; Monique Robert; Rev. Egbert Robertson; Sonia Rochester; Richard Rose; Henry Samuel; Joy Simon; Pauline Sekou; Lloyd Simmonds; Yvonne Simmonds; Leroy Small; Shirley Smith; Gerretta Sores; Calvin Souden; Dudley Spence; Hugh Springer; Marjorie Stevens; *Cecil Stevens*; *Beresford Stewart*; *Lillieth Stewart*; Dan Stewart; Sonia Thompson; Beatrice Tomlinson; Christine Turner; Cleveland Vanier; Myron Wade; *Olive Walford*; Barbara Wanaselja; Amanda Watts; *Emma Weekes*; Alberta West; Anita Williams; Carmen Williams;; Ken Williams;; Yvonne Williams; Phondel Yarboro. (*Italics indicate members of St. David's*)

*Meditation: "Morning Star"*

Epiphany began with magi following a star. The season that began with one star now ends with another. Amid the glory of the Lord like a devouring fire (*Exod. 24:17*), the face and garments of Christ as dazzling as the sun, and everyone overshadowed by a bright cloud (*Matt. 17:2, 5*), that second star is easy to miss. There it is, nevertheless: "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" (*2Peter 1:19*). What the ancients called the Morning Star we now know as Venus, the planet between Earth and the sun that appears just after sunset and just before sunrise. Besides the sun and the moon, it was the most luminous object in the sky. Because it appeared in the darkness to herald the dawn, early Christians used it to name Jesus, "the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star" (*Rev. 22:16b*). Throughout the time Epiphany, sparkling off the surface of Jesus' baptismal water, the glory of God has gathered intensity. Today it reaches its brightest as the friends of Jesus get to see him for a moment as he truly is. Be attentive to this: to the story through which the community has seen the face and heard the voice of God; to the eyewitness testimony that the light has come from outside and beyond us to shine among and within us. In the dark night of Lent we will need the lamplight of encouragement and promise. Today's morning star points toward the Easter Vigil, when we will celebrate in the light of the paschal candle: "May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race" (Easter proclamation). This star--rising in our hearts--links Epiphany and resurrection. (Augsburg Fts)



## **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

## **SERMON NOTES**

# **“EMPOWERING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICE”**



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## **VESTRY**

Richard Williams, *Senior Warden*  
Herman Clark, *Junior Warden*

### **Class of 2017**

Sharon Brown, Ivor Lawson, Charmaine Mitchell

### **Class of 2018**

Annette Marion, Yvonne Mitchell, Meagan Nettey

### **Class of 2019**

Steve Morrison, Randy Moses, Ann Stewart

### **Officers (not vestry members)**

Ms. Patricia Samuels, *Treasurer*  
Ms. Eulah Walker, *Asst. Treasurer*  
Ms. Noella Jackman, *Clerk*  
Ms. Dorothy Lundy, Parish Secretary

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