

# St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 11, 2024

*Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.*

**Voluntary**  
Two Spirituals

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)  
*We Shall Overcome and Deep River*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Gathering Hymn 135**

*Salzburg*

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

Celebrant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**Canticle S223**

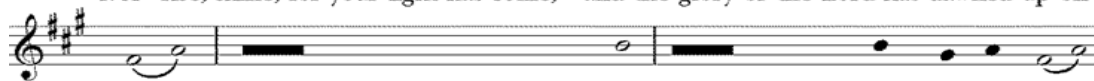
**The Third Song of Isaiah**

*plainsong*

*The cantors will chant the odd-numbers; everyone chants the even-numbers*



1. A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned up-on



you. 2. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom en-shrouds the peo-ples.



3. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will ap-pear up-on you. 4. Nations will

stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn-ing. 5. Your gates will  
 always be o-pen; by day or night they will nev-er be shut. 6. They will call you,  
 The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Is-ra-el. 7. Violence will  
 no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction with-in your bor-ders.  
 8. You will call your walls, Sal-va-tion, and all your por-tals, Praise. 9. The sun will no  
 more be your light by day; by night you will not need the bright-ness of the moon.  
 10. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glo-ry.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: 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.**

## First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

His Love is Everlasting

Leon Roberts (b. 1950)

The choir intones; all repeat. Everyone chants the psalm in harmony.

His love \_\_\_\_\_ His love \_\_\_\_\_ His  
love \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ ev \_\_\_\_\_ er last \_\_\_\_\_ ing. \_\_\_\_\_

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

- 1 The Lord the God of gods has [spoken];\*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its [setting].
- 2 Out of Zion perfect in its [beauty],\*  
God reveals himself in [glory].
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep [silence];\*  
before him there is a consuming flame...and round about him a raging [storm].
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from a-[bove]\*  
to witness the judgment of his [people].

*Antiphon*

- 5 "Gather before me my loyal [followers],\*  
those who have made a covenant with me...and sealed it with [sacrifice].
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his [cause],\*  
for God himself is [judge].

*Antiphon*

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

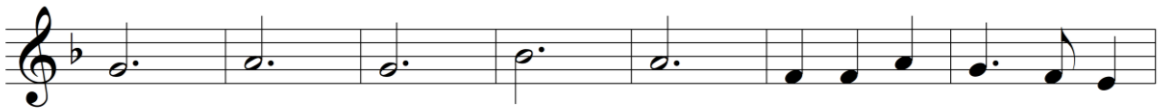
### A Gospel Greeting

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

*The Choir intones; all repeat*



Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord are spi - rit and



life. Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your



*after a short verse, repeat.*

word.

## Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Fran Holliday

*A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.*

*Please stand for the Nicene Creed as you are able.*

## Nicene Creed

**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.**



## Prayers of the People

Intercessor: With Christ's light shining on us this season, let us pray to God for our own needs, the needs of the church and of the world.

Intercessor: For Christians throughout the world that they may be a source of light to a darkened world.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For world leaders: that Christ, the light of the world, may turn their minds and hearts to thoughts of peace.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For the sick and the lonely: that Christ who shared our humanity may renew their strength and rekindle their hope. We pray especially for members of our parish family (Names are read)

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For prisoners: that Christ's light may penetrate their darkness

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For those who are travelling, that they may reach their destination safely.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: that the light of God's consolation may shine on them.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For those who are away from home: that they may know that they are not forgotten. We pray especially for the men and women in the armed forces.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For our families: that they may be united in love.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For all who have died that they may rest in peace in God's eternal love.

We pray for all those who have died (names are read)

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

**Celebrant:** God of love and mercy, may the coming of your son scatter the darkness of the world, and make it radiant with his light. May we follow him faithfully, and come to the light that shines forever. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The people sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Anthem

**Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name** arr. Brazeal W. Dennard (1929-2010)

Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name.

Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name.

Oh, Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name.

O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?

What shall I do?

I'm so glad trouble don't last always.

I'm so glad trouble don't last always.

Oh, I'm so glad trouble don't last always.

O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?  
What shall I do?

I'm so glad, got me religion in time.  
I'm so glad, got me religion in time.  
Oh, I'm so glad, got me religion in time.  
O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?  
What shall I do?

Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room.  
Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room.  
Oh, Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room.  
O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?  
What shall I do?

## **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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow'r and might \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Hea - ven and earth are full \_\_\_\_\_



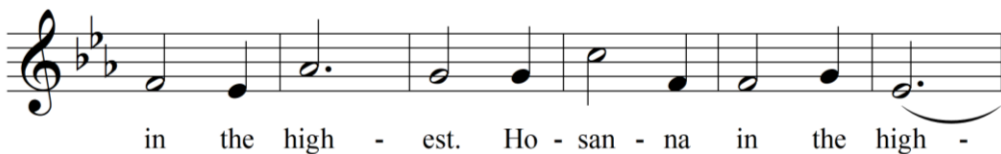
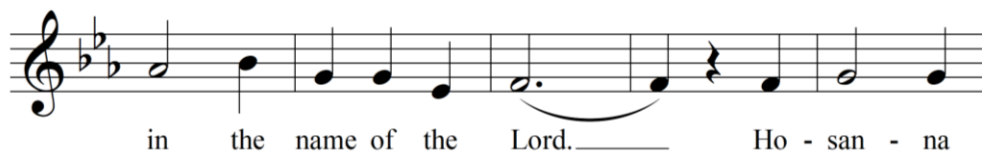
full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_



*The people kneel, or stand, as they are able.*

Celebrant: 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, according to his command, O Father:

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

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

*plainsong*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Cantor*

We break this bread for all who walk the way of faith.  
 We break this bread for the earth we have wasted,  
 for those who have no bread,  
 and for ourselves in our brokenness.

*All sing*

Bless - ed be God for ev - er.

*Cantor*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All sing*

Therefore let us keep the feast. *repeat the Alleluia*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant.*

## **Communion Hymn 325**

*Let Us Break Bread*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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 people stand as they are able.*

## **Blessing**

*The Celebrant will offer a blessing.*

## **Sending Forth Hymn 599**

*Lift Every Voice*

## **Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**Closing Voluntary**  
**Toccatà on Great Day!**

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



*Today's beautiful altar flower arrangements  
were gifted by Barb Wolfrum in memory of  
Irene Vass*

**Service Participants**

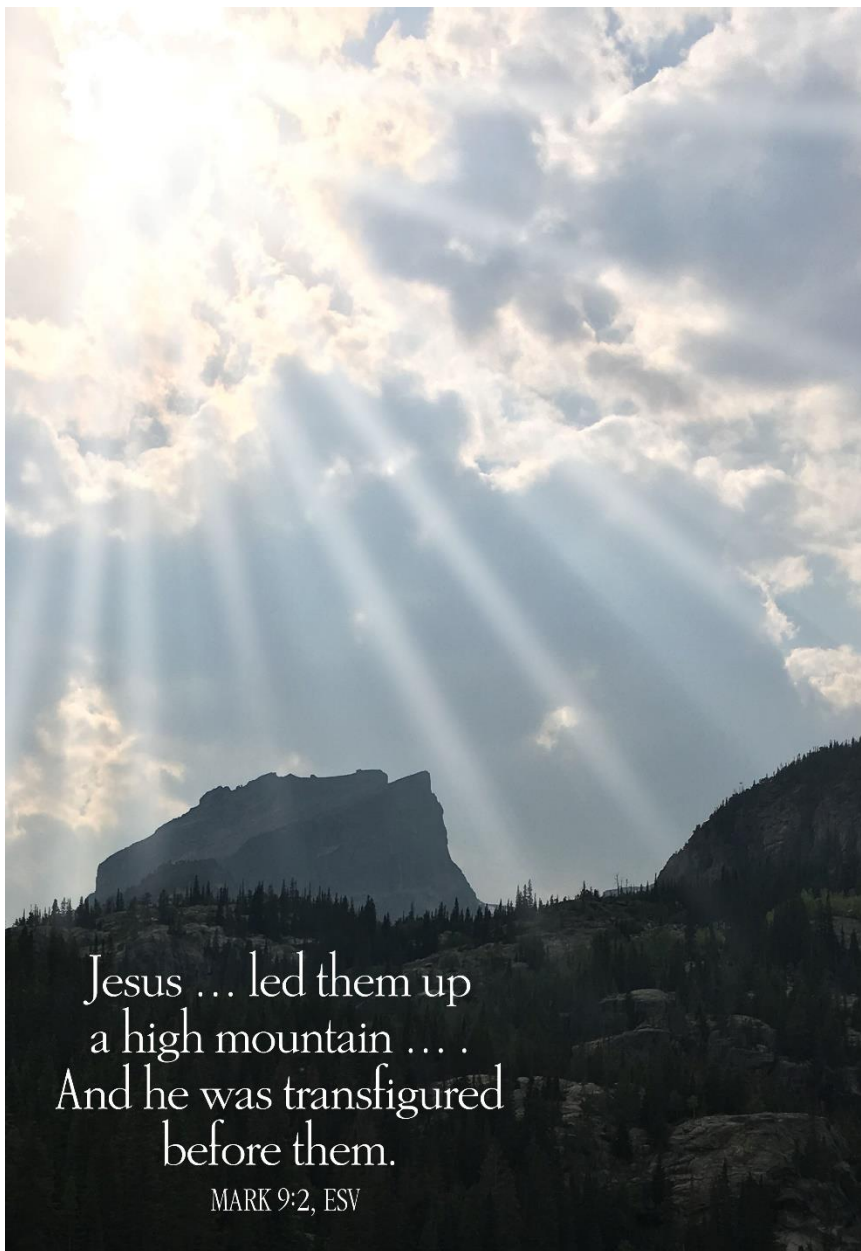
The Rev. Fran Holliday	Celebrant
The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe	Deacon
Diana Brown	Acolyte
Ed Manning, Charles Boerner	Ushers
Deb Sturges	Lector
Laura Graf	Intercessor
Mark Downey	Organist
Deb Sturges	Building Closer
Dallas Heikkinen, Katie Thomson	Counters

## Upcoming Events 2024:

- ❖ Sunday, February 11 – 11:00 a.m. Mardi Gras coffee hour, Ludtke Hall
- ❖ Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday services
  - Geneva Metra Station – Ashes to Go from 6:00 am – 8:30 am
  - SCEC services at noon (no music) and 7:00 p.m. (with choir)
- ❖ Sunday, February 25 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner

See *The Pulse* for details on our events. Not receiving *The Pulse* weekly emails?  
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parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org or 630-584-2596  
Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



## Prayer for St. Charles' Episcopal Church

Gracious and loving God, prosper with your blessing the mission of Saint Charles' Episcopal Church.

Deepen, we pray, our love for your Son, and strengthen our fellowship with each other, that we will have the strength to do our part in the building up of your church.

Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with love for those outside the church and deepen our understanding of their needs.

Help us to be a true light in our community, that in this place all people may be drawn into your fellowship and transformed by your love.

All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us, that we may grow into the full stature of Christ. Amen.



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