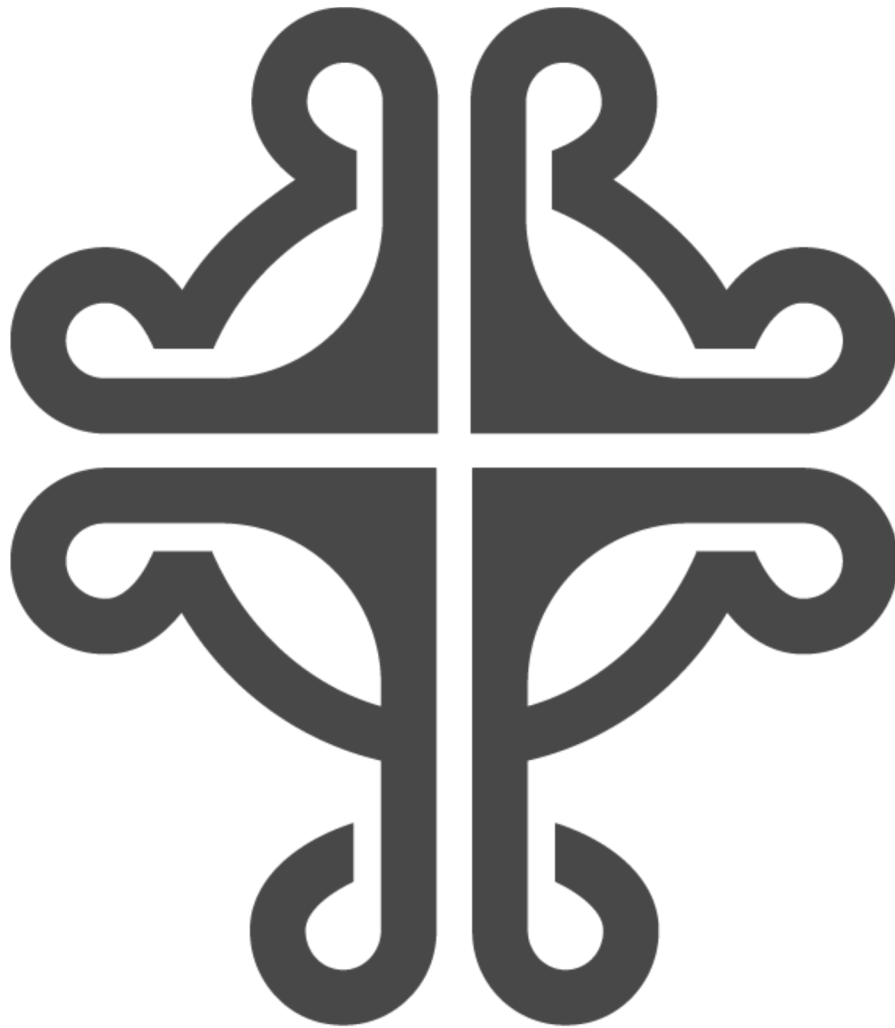


THE TRANSFIGURATION

August 6, 2023

*Eight & Ten o'clock in the morning*



*We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.*

Emmanuel Church + Newport + Rhode Island

*The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.*

*Individual hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex (lobby).*

*A guide to the books found in the book racks and used for our services:*

Red: *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP for group responses and *Prayers of the People*)

Blue: *The Hymnal 1982* (Hymns listed as S280, etc., are found in the front section of the book)

Green: *Wonder Love and Praise* (hymns listed as WLP)

Our 10:00 a.m. services are broadcast via livestream on Facebook and Youtube.

The “feed” goes live at 9:45 a.m. so that those gathering remotely may find link to the service and witness the in-person community gathering, and any gathering music before the service.

GATHERING MUSIC, *beginning around 9:50 a.m.*

Ali Hosford and Randy Elkins

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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*We return to jazz settings of the service music this week in recognition of the Newport Jazz Festival. These will be used weekly throughout the fall.*

PRELUDE, *begins at 10:00 a.m. as the candles are lit*

HYMN 423

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The service begins in the red Book of Common Prayer on page 355*

GLORY TO GOD 8:00 a.m. BCP 356

10:00 a.m. WLP 899

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all*

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

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.

-Exodus 34:29-35

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

PSALM 99:5-9

*please chant with the choir where indicated, moving from the chanting tone (first note in measure) to the final note of the measure at the bold, underlined syllable in the text.*



Choir alone (SATB) Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his **footstool**; \*  
he is the **Holy One**.  
Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his **Name**, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he **answered them**.

All, singing melody He spoke to them out of the pillar of **cloud**; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he **gave them**.  
O Lord our God, you answered them **indeed**; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil **deeds**.  
**Ω**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

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.

-2 Peter 1:13-21

*Lector* *The Word of the Lord*

*People* **Thanks be to God**

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 73 *The King shall come when morning dawns*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Priest* *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.

-Luke 9:28-36

*Priest* *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Maggi Dawn

THE NICENE CREED, *Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form I, *Book of Common Prayer, page 383*

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Book of Common Prayer, page 360*

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer for a Birthday:** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

*¶ At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

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*Thank you for your generosity.*



AT THE OFFERTORY

*Elijah Rock*

Jester Hairston

*refrain: Elijah Rock, shout, shout! Elijah Rock, coming up, Lord.*

*Satan's a liar and a conjurer, too.  
If you don't mind out, he'll conjure you.  
If I could, I surely would  
just stand on the rock where Moses stood.*

AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, Hymn 380, stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer C, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 369

Holy, holy, holy Lord      8:00 a.m. BCP 371, 10:00 a.m. WLP 856

The Lord's Prayer, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 364

Fraction Anthem (10:00 a.m.) WLP 878

At Communion, Hymn of the Month      *The Earth is the Lord's*      Maggi Dawn

1) The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,      2) Can you feel the aching heart of creation?—  
From seabed to sky, and from ocean to earth,      A planet in peril, a world in despair,  
The beauty from here to the farthest horizon—      A habitat drained of strength and resilience  
A gift to us all from the moment of birth.      Can never sustain all the life in her care.

3) On this holy ground, defenseless before you,  
Your Spirit, O God, is the air that we breathe,  
O teach us to live your holy vocation  
To care for the ground that is under our feet.

*Refrain*

There is no way back to the Garden of Eden,  
But the vision you promise is a city and home,  
Redeem us, O Lord, and the land we belong to,  
Creation still groans for a new world to come.

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 365-366

HYMN 137

*O wondrous type! O vision fair*

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*☞ Coffee Hour follows the service in the Library. All are welcome.*

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*Preparing for and Assisting in Today's Services*

Ed Gosling, Carolyn Swiggart, *lectors*      Margaret Keiran, *intercessor*

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David Thalmann, Jennie Huttler, Caroline Ruggerio, *flower guild*

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Margery Cousens, Jane Dyer, Margaret Keiran, Debbie Venancio  
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The Rev'd Della Wager Wells, *Rector*      The Rev'd Dr Maggi Dawn, *Associate Priest & Theologian*  
Randy Elkins, *Director of Music & Organist*      Ali Hosford, *Artist in Residence*  
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*The First of the Month* is here again. As is Emmanuel Church's custom, all "loose plate offerings" (those not already designated as a pledge) go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to aid those in need.

*Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration* – celebrating the strange and wonderful moment when, for a few moments, three of Jesus’ disciples caught a glimpse of Jesus in his heavenly glory. One of the intriguing aspects of the story is how the disciples react to this experience. We’ll explore this as usual through liturgy and preaching, and also at the 9:00 am Bible study. But for the month of August, we are going to try out another way of exploring our responses to the scripture, with a prayer installation.

A cairn is a familiar sight to anyone who regularly goes walking, especially on pilgrimages. A cairn is a mound of stones, built by every passer-by adding a stone of their own. The stone can very simply be a marker that says ‘I was here’, almost like signing a visitors’ book. It can be placed more like a silent prayer, a note of a personal resolution or a request to God to walk with you on the next leg of the journey. And it is always a reminder that – wherever we walk – we are part of a larger human community. Others have walked here before me, and more will follow on later.

Our regular Sunday worship at Emmanuel has a great many words, sung and spoken, but not so many moments of quiet reflection. By adding a prayer cairn this month, we can begin to add some threads to our worship that give room for silence, contemplation and wonder. The feast of the transfiguration, and the experience of the disciples on the mountain top, is a perfect moment to explore this. I hope to see you on Sunday – online or in person – to find out more!

*-Rev’d Dr Maggi Dawn*



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