OUR VISION: A world where people experience God’s love and are made whole.

OUR MISSION: To share the love of Jesus through compassion, inclusivity, creativity and learning.

The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ

6 August 2017
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Welcome to Grace Cathedral

Welcome to this sacred house of prayer for all people. Those who built this place and care for it love tradition and feel passionate about engaging with what is new. If you look closely you will find images of scientists, reformers, Jewish rabbis and Roman Catholic popes, political leaders, saints, and even an astronaut. We invite you to be part of this joyful community even if your visit is short. You might ask yourself two questions: “What do I need to receive? What do I have to give?” We would be delighted to hear about your explorations. May God bless you on your journey!

– The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young, Dean of Grace Cathedral

• **If you are new to Grace Cathedral**, please introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card so we can be in touch with you. We’re glad you’re here!
• **Join us for coffee and conversation** across the plaza in the Chapter House Library after the 8:30 a.m. service or in the Dining Room after the 11 a.m. service.

**about today’s readings**


Reading texts can be found at the end of the service leaflet.

The Transfiguration as a feast day was first observed by the desert monks of the ancient Christian East and later embraced by the West. Here in the Western Christian tradition, with our reminders of human weakness and the need for redemption, we welcome this Eastern Christian emphasis on affirming the reality of transfiguration and divinization of all that is human, which cannot stay hidden even in the face of evil and death. Our life need not be spent only tiptoeing through a minefield, careful to avoid evil. What if it were a search for hidden radiance, glimpses of the divine, hidden gifts of grace, hidden chances for transformation and renewal?

We also celebrate the Transfiguration on the last Sunday after the Epiphany, with the real possibility of glory established before the Lenten journey to Easter. It occurs about forty days before Good Friday, when the glory of the Crucified One shines even from the cross. Similarly, today’s celebration comes forty days before September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. This balance is appropriately observed at the spring and autumnal equinoxes, with the balancing of daytime and nighttime.

Worldly powers cannot tolerate this possibility of transfigurative light shining through our humanity. The Roman occupying power and their collaborators killed Jesus. On this day in 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bombs ever used on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Still today, from the halls of power, tens of thousands around the globe are bombed and shelled, or left to die from starvation and curable diseases.

The Transfiguration mystery upholds our call to radiant transformation into God-like-ness, even in the face of a culture of death.

*This reflection was written by The Rev. Mark E. Stanger, Canon for Formation.*

**Congregation Town Halls**

Come discuss the results of the Congregation Survey and what membership at Grace Cathedral means to us. The Town Halls are a great opportunity not only to learn about the survey findings, but also to hear from Malcolm and to share your own thoughts and ideas. Visit gracecathedral.org/townhalls.

**highlights**

**“13th” (2016)**

Sunday, August 6 • 3:30 p.m. • Wilsey

Our last screening takes place today with a winning combination of a great movie, lively discussion and popcorn. The final film is an acclaimed documentary on the links between racism and mass incarceration, featuring distinguished scholars, activists and politicians.
The Holy Eucharist

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Ask an usher about nursery care and Sunday school, hearing assistance devices, or large-print leaflets. Restrooms are located on the lower level corridor. Please silence any audible electronics and refrain from taking video or photos during the service.

Voluntary

Arioso Leo Sowerby

The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

Introit

Sung by the choir.

Mode 8

In excelsis throno (In a High Throne)

Hymn 137

Sung by all, standing.

Wareham

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria in excelsis

Edward C. Bairstow

Communion Service in E flat

Choir 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

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Readings can be found at the end of this service leaflet.

The First Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99:1–4, 6–9 The people remain seated. The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.

Antiphon Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God; He is the Holy One.

Choir The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

All Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God; 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.

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.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God; He is the Holy One.

The Second Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 129

Sung by all, standing.

The Holy Gospel

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Choir This is my Son, my beloved;

All with whom I am well pleased.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Before the Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Very Rev. Dr. Malcom C. Young, Dean
The Nicene Creed

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition Lord, hear our prayer. The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. All And also with you. All may greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

An offering will be received for the ministries of Grace Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

Anthem

Choir Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured, his face shone as the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them. A bright cloud covered them with a shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said: "This is my Son, the chosen one: listen to him." -The Gospels

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, and money to be placed on the Altar.
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II, Enriching our Worship)   Solemn Tone

Presider, continuing  lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Presider, concluding  ..Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.  

All  A MEN.

Presider  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.
The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Choir

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Invitation to Communion

The presider invites the people to come forward for Communion.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God’s table.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at the north altar rail; please ask the Communion minister.

For a variety of reasons, it is our custom to consume the Bread and sip the Wine directly from the cup.

You are invited to guide the cup with your hands. If you choose not to receive either the Bread or the Wine, simply cross your arms over your chest and respond “Amen” when it is presented.

Ministers are available for shared prayer for healing in the Chapel of Grace on the south (street) side of the Cathedral.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Motet

Sung in Latin.

O Light of light, by love inclined, Jesu, Redeemer of mankind, with loving kindness deign to hear from suppliant voices praise and prayer. Thou who to raise our souls from hell didst deign in fleshly form to dwell, vouchsafe us, when our race is run, in thy fair Body to be one.

Postcommunion Prayer

After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Dear God, you come to us as gift—as a vulnerable child, a peace-making teacher, a crucified trouble-maker.
Thank you for this beleaguered and beautiful planet, for the gift of communion with all creation.
Help us to find ourselves in you, to discover your delight in us and to enter more deeply into your mystery.

Teach us the secret of your love which is increased and not diminished by sharing, so that we may find true freedom in giving ourselves away. Amen.

The Sending Forth

Sung by all, standing.

Tysk

Hymn 475

1 God himself is with us: let us all adore him,
and with awe appear before him. God is here within us;
souls in silence fear him, humbly, fervently draw near him.

2 Gladly, Lord, we offer thine to be forever,
soul and life and each endeavor. Help us to surrender
light mine eyes to see my duty. As the tender flowers
be thine earthly sanctuary. Come, indwelling Spirit,

3 Thou pervadest all things; let thy radiant beauty
souls of deceitful treasures, pride of life, and sinful pleasures:
earth's for the sun-light calmly hold them,
with transfiguring splendor; love and honor will I render.

4 Come, abide within me; let my soul, like Mary,
Now his own, who have known God, in worship lowly,
so let me quietly in thy rays imbue me;
Where I go here be low, let me bow before thee,

yield their spirits wholly.
life's true way descending.
let thy light shine through me.
know thee, and adore thee.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The presider pronounces God's blessing.

All respond

Amen.

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Fanfare

John Cook
Exodus 34:29-35

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.


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.
save the date

Celebration Sunday
Sunday, September 17 • after the 11 a.m. service
Cathedral
Congregation Sunday has always been about celebrating our community so we’ve re-named it Celebration Sunday. Come enjoy a bounce house, games, gourmet food, a bake-off, a ministry fair and, most of all, each other. To get involved, email Nina Pickerrell at ninap@gracecathedral.org and other activities with your peers. Email the Rev. Canon Steven Miller at hmmillar@gmail.com.

Register Today: Yoga For Change
Thursday, September 28 • 6:30 p.m. • Cathedral
Save your spot to practice yoga while supporting The Community Preschool and its mission to educate children from at-risk neighborhoods. To register or sponsor this event, visit yogaforchangesf.org.

The Fall Forum Series
Sunday, September 17 • 9:30 a.m. • Gresham Hall
The Forum returns this fall with guests ranging from artists, inventors and pop culturists to scientists and philosophers. For more information, visit gracecathedral.org/forum.

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Fill-A-Need: School Supplies
Today to Sunday, August 27 • Cathedral
Help refugee families in need prepare for a new school year. We are collecting school supplies every Sunday in August by the St. Francis statue. The Blessing of the Backpacks takes place on August 27. Learn more about what is needed and how you’ll be helping vulnerable families by visiting gracecathedral.org/back-school-refugee-families.

Bayview Mission Infant & Toddler Program
Monday, August 14 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 1547 Jerrold Ave
Join us in providing services, food and supplies to families in the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood. Visit gracecathedral.org/bayview.

Dinner with Grace
Tuesday, August 15 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. • Chapter House Kitchen
Wednesday, August 16 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. • 387 Ellis St.
Prepare and serve a meal for residents of the Mentone Hotel, an Episcopal Community Services supportive housing site in the Tenderloin. Sign up at gracecathedral.org/dwg.

rest in peace

Requiem for the Rev. Canon Stefani Schatz
Saturday, August 12 • 10 a.m. • Cathedral
A requiem for the Rev. Canon Stefani Schatz will be celebrated next Saturday. Canon Stefani served as the Diocese of California’s Canon to the Ordinary, working with Bishop Marc Andrus to support the vitality of its congregations and institutions. Stefani died on July 12 and is survived by several family members including her husband, the Rev. Joseph F. Duggan. Please help them honor and celebrate Stefani’s joyous spirit, deep wisdom and heartfelt commitment to spreading Christ’s love.

social justice film festival

Broaden your horizons with our summer social justice film festival. With a winning combination of a great movie, lively discussion and popcorn, our last screening takes place today at 3:30 p.m. in the Wilsey conference rooms. Visit gracecathedral.org/summerfilms.

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Acclaimed documentary on the links between racism and mass incarceration, featuring distinguished scholars, activists and politicians.

spiritual life

Register for Education for Ministry
Thursdays, September 7 to June 6 • 8:30 p.m. • Chapter Room
Engage in far-reaching discussions, develop deep spiritual friendships and gain leadership skills in EfM. For more information and to register, email Roberta Sautter at nixile@earthlink.net by August 7.

Holy Land Pilgrimage
May 18 - 29, 2018
Don’t miss taking part in the transformative journey of pilgrimage to the Land of the Holy One, led by the Rev. Canon Mark Stanger. For more information or to register, visit gracecathedral.org/retreats.

community

Volunteer Calligrapher Needed
Late August through January, 2018
Grace Cathedral is looking for a volunteer calligrapher to help with the 2018 Stewardship Campaign. The project will take one to two hours per week. If interested, email Rachel Kucera at rachelk@gracecathedral.org.

Summer Series Book Study Group
Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, August 17 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. • Chapter Room
Join us in exploring our Protestant roots with Owen Chadwick’s The Reformation. This book study serves as an introduction to Education for Ministry. For more information, email Roberta Sautter at nixile@earthlink.net.

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Grace Cathedral has an app! Current offerings include a welcome by Bishop Marc Andrus, a cathedral highlights tour, music for reflection and a treasure hunt for kids and their families. Visit gracecathedral.org/graceguide for download instructions, or search GraceGuide on the App Store or Google Play.
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The 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist and 5:15 p.m. Thursday Evensong are posted on our website for a week after each service. Subscribe to the sermons through iTunes or listen: gracecathedral.org/listen

Prayer Requests
To request prayers of thanksgiving or intercession, email prayer@gracecathedral.org. Every day, our prayer team tends to the concerns of the community and remembers those who have died.

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