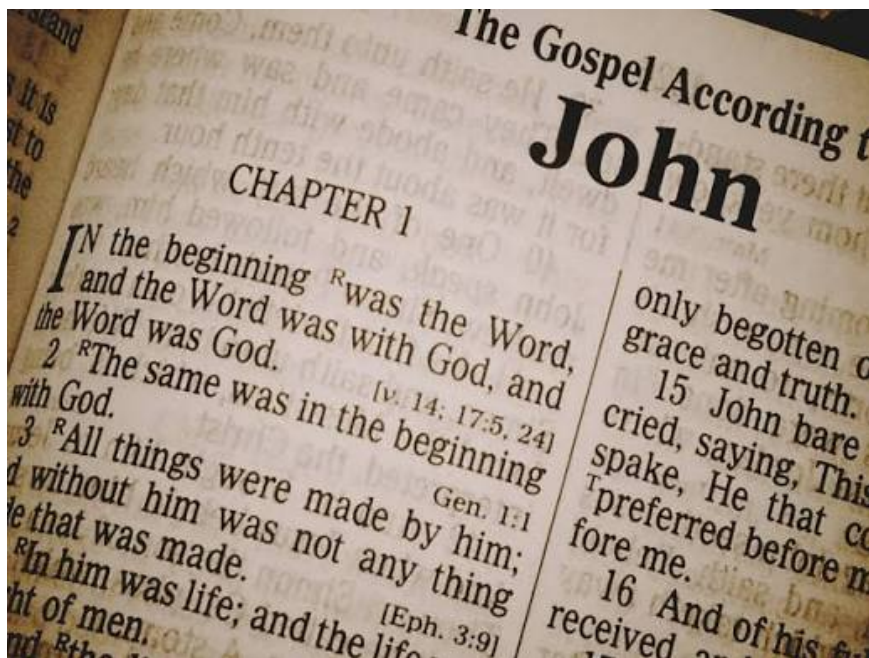


# NOONDAY PRAYER

The Church of the Holy Trinity  
Juneau, Alaska

Readings for August 3 – August 8, 2026



# Monday, August 3 2026

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**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

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Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**79 Deus, venerunt**

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

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2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \*

and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*

for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" \*  
Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight  
that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.

11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, \*  
and by your great might spare those who are condemned to die.

12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, \*  
return seven-fold into their bosoms.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; \*  
we will give you thanks for ever  
and show forth your praise from age to age.

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## John 1:1-18

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life,\* and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.\*

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own,\* and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,\* full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He

who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ’)

<sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,\* who is close to the Father’s heart,\* who has made him known.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come to you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy: Give your blessings to the Diocese of Alaska. Watch over our churches, sustain our people, strengthen our leaders. Through the Holy Spirit, guide and guard the Diocese, keeping it always under your care and protection. Let us be a loving family, serving you in faithful devotion to the Gospel of your son, Jesus Christ.

Give your blessings to Mark our bishop. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. Let your Holy Spirit be his companion. Let your Gospel be always in his thoughts. May your presence in his life be a light for all to see, in every good work for the building up of your people and to the Glory of your Holy Name.

Give us the blessing of your example. Help us to follow in the Way of Jesus today and every day. Give us compassion at the center of all we do: Compassion for ourselves, as disciples still young in faith; compassion for others as members of our own family in God. Let us become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to

other nations of the earth.

**Lord, keep this nation under your care.**

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

**Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

**Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

**Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

**For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

**Amen.**

JOANNA, MARY and SALOME  
MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN (NT)

Almighty God, who revealed the resurrection of your Son to Joanna, Mary, and Salome, as they faithfully came bearing myrrh to his tomb: Grant that we too may perceive the presence of the risen Lord in the midst of pain and fear, and go forth proclaiming his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

**Final Collect**

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. (Celtic)

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May God bless the work of our hands. **Amen**



Joanna, Mary, and Salome are traditionally counted as the three women who came to Jesus' tomb early in the morning on the day of the resurrection in order to anoint his body with myrrh and other spices. They were followers of Jesus during his earthly ministry and remained with him throughout his arrest, crucifixion,

and burial, and they discovered his empty tomb after his resurrection.

Little is known about the lives of Joanna, Mary, and Salome beyond their faithful and unwavering devotion and service to Christ. Joanna is identified in the Gospel of Luke as the wife of Chuza, a steward of Herod, and in Luke 8:2-3 is counted among the women who followed and provided for Jesus after having been healed by him.

The Gospel of Mark includes Salome in a list of women present at the crucifixion without any further information; according to early Christian tradition Salome was a relative of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

In addition to Joanna, Salome, and Mary Magdalene, Matthew 28:1 lists a woman it refers to as “the other Mary.” Mark 16:1 refers to her as Mary the mother of James. John 19:25 recounts that Mary the wife of Cleopas was present at the crucifixion, and historically the Christian tradition has tended to assume that all three of these Marys are actually the same person.

The little information that we do have about these women shows them to be faithful disciples and worthy of our commemoration and, more importantly, emulation. There is a particular devotion to these “Holy Myrrhbearers” in the Orthodox Church, and the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated as “Myrrhbearers Sunday.”

# Tuesday August 4 2026

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**Part I** *Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,

but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation, \*  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, \*  
turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, \*  
and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, \*  
and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, \*  
rebellng in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, \*  
demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, \*  
"Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the  
gullies overflowed; \*



but is he able to give bread  
or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath; \*  
a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, \*  
nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, \*  
though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; \*  
he slew their strongest men  
and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning \*  
and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath \*

and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, \*  
and repent, and diligently search for God.

35 They would remember that God was their rock, \*  
and the Most High God their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouths \*  
and lied to him with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him, \*  
and they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins  
and did not destroy them; \*  
many times he held back his anger  
and did not permit his wrath to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh, \*  
a breath that goes forth and does not return.

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## John 1:19-28

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ <sup>23</sup>He said,  
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Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come to you.**

Let us pray.

Creator, our Father in heaven, we come to you as your children. We confess that we are weak and broken images of you. We pray for the forgiveness and healing you give in Jesus Christ. May his Spirit clean our spirits, minds, hearts, and bodies. We pray that your Holy Spirit will help us to worship in spirit and truth.

Give us the blessing of your example. Help us to follow in the Way of Jesus today and every day. Give us compassion at the center of all we do: Compassion for ourselves, as disciples still young in faith; compassion for others as members of our own family in God. Let us become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for.

O God, take from us cynicism, domination and idle chatter. Give us wholeheartedness, patience and love. Help us to see where we are wrong and not to judge others. Let your face shine on us, O Lord, as we make our prayer to you. Rescue us from our distress and transform our poverty by the richness of your grace. We ask all this through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions

disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

**Amen.**

**Final Collect**

Let our eyes be your eyes, sharing compassion, warmth and love. Let our hands be your hands bringing healing with their touch. Let our ears be your ears listening where there is need. Let our words be your words bringing comfort joy and peace. **Amen.** (Celtic)

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace. **Amen.**

# Wednesday, August 5 2026

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**82** *Deus stetit*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

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Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come to you.**

Let us pray.

*Litany of Healing*

God the Father,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy on us.**

Holy and blessed Trinity,

**have mercy upon us and save us.**

For those who suffer in body

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For the distressed in mind and spirit

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For those burdened by sin

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For all of us who fall short of your glory

**Hear us and save us.**

For strength to endure

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For hope to sustain

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For the grace of the Holy Spirit

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For all of us present .

**Hear us and save us.**

For those who we lift up in our prayers

**Hear us and save us.**

In your great mercy look with compassion on your people,  
hear our prayers, pardon our sins and bring us to eternal life.

**Lord, hear us and have mercy.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the  
multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who  
turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we  
give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*(Welsh BCP)*

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O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

**Amen.**

ALBRECHT DÜRER, 1528

MATTHIAS GRÜNEWALD, 1529

LUCAS CRANACH the ELDER, 1553

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Great Physician of our souls and bodies, you are always at work in our lives to bring good out of evil . . .

**May your sick children**

**experience the same surge of healing power as did the sick woman who touched the hem of your robe.**

Great Spirit, who broods over the world, restore the garment of our self-respect, and remake us in your beauty.

**Renew in us**

**the stillness of our being,**

**the soundness of our bodies**

**and the secret of our wholeness.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May Christ our redeemer bring us healing and wholeness. **Amen.**

Anyone desiring healing prayers is invited to come to the altar after the service.



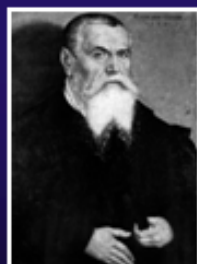
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August 5

Artists

1528 + 1529 + 1553

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In the turbulent sixteenth century, as the Renaissance and the Reformation changed the cultural, social, political, and religious face of northern Europe from medieval to modern, three artists stand as signs of those revolutions.

Albrecht Dürer was born in 1471 at Nuremberg and is generally regarded as the greatest German artist of the Renaissance. While he produced exquisite, life-like paintings, he is best known for his woodcuts and copperplate engravings. This art form enabled numbers of prints to be made of each work, which could then be sold to satisfy the rising middle class' s new demand for affordable art. His production was a sign of the shift in early modern society, especially in Protestant areas, from the church to the home as the center of life and religion.

Little is known of the early life of Matthias Grunewald, the name given to this artist by his seventeenth-century biographer. Presumably born circa 1470, he is known to have been in Strasburg in 1479, already accomplished at portraits and woodcuts. He went to Basel in 1490, where Durer was his pupil. Later, he moved to what is now Alsace, where he painted his famous Isenheim Altarpiece between 1512 and 1516. This piece was designed to go behind the chapel altar at the hospital in the monastery of the Order of St. Anthony.

Grunewald was a deeply religious man who was particularly fascinated by the crucifixion as witnessed by the combination of raw physicality

and mysticism that can be observed in the Isenheim Altarpiece. Lucas Cranach the Elder was born in 1472 in south Germany. In his twenties he moved to Vienna, where he became known in humanist circles. He later moved to Wittenberg, where he became court painter to Frederick III, who was Martin Luther's protector. His work enjoyed great popularity in his day, but history best remembers him for his several portraits of Luther and for the exquisite woodcuts he provided for the first German New Testament in 1522.

# Thursday, August 6 2025

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## The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ

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### Opening Sentences

On the Mountain You were Transfigured, O Christ God,

**And Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;**

So that when they would behold You crucified,

**They would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,**

And would proclaim to the world,

**That You are truly the Radiance of the Father!**

*[Kontakion](#) of the  
Transfiguration*

### The Opening Collect

O Tender Light of the Holy and Heavenly Trinity,

**open our eyes and we shall see your glory,**

**open our minds and we shall know your ways,**

**open our lives and we shall show your presence,**

**open our lips and we shall tell your praise. Amen**

### The Lessons

Exodus 34:29-35

29 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. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>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, <sup>35</sup>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.

## **Psalm 99    *Dominus regnavit***

1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his  
footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil  
deeds.

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

### **2 Peter 1:13-21**

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.

### *Gospel Acclamation*

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ

**God has broken the power of death  
and brought life and immortality to light.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come

**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

For though darkness shall cover the earth

and thick darkness the nations,

**the Lord will rise upon you  
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

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### **Luke 9:28-36**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus\* took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen;\* listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *A Time for Prayer*

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, you promised through your Son to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith:

Through his Transfiguration your Son reminded us of his divine glory; guide your Church to bring all people to know him, love him, and worship at his feet.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

At his Transfiguration your voice told us to listen to him; help us to listen to his words that tell us to love all your children so that we may not neglect any of those in the world who are in need

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Before his Transfiguration your Son told his followers to deny themselves; help us to focus less on ourselves and more on others so that we might transform our communities into places that shine with your peace and love.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

At his Transfiguration your Son revealed his glory to the world; we thank you for all who work tirelessly to make that glory known to others. We pray for our Bishop Mark, all clergy, readers, and others in ministry, whatever form it takes; and help all your children to work together for your greater glory in the world

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We thank you for those who have journeyed before us to enter into the divine and eternal glory with you, your Son, and all the angels and saints in heaven; we pray for those who mourn; those who are unwell or dying and those who care for them; those places in the world that know trouble of any kind; and we remember those who struggle in their relationships, with others or with you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

And we ask that you hear also the prayers of our own hearts, for ourselves and for those we know to be in need of our prayers.

*(pause for intercessions and petitions, offered either silently or aloud)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus. Christ. **Amen.**

As we look for the coming of the Kingdom, let us pray as Christ has taught us:

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

### *The Collect*

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.*

**Lord, come and put a glory in my work today.  
Come and put a shine on the noontime fray.  
May the Glory come now from the heavens high,  
the Glory come to me; the Glory come nigh. Amen.**

### *Conclusion*

Wherever your love pours out from hearts, God of love,  
**may lives be blessed.**

Wherever your hands are seen in ours, Servant God,  
**may lives be blessed.**

Wherever your peace is sown like seeds, God of peace,  
**may lives be blessed.**

Wherever your grace sets prisoners free, God of grace,  
**may lives be blessed.**

Wherever your joy shines out in praise, God of joy,  
**may lives be blessed. Amen.**

**In days to come may our lives bear witness that goodness is stronger than evil, life is stronger than death. As God requires of us, may we do justice, love kindness and practice humility. Through the ups and downs of our lives, on the mountaintop, in the depths, day by day, may God's spirit help us to stand firm and walk in God's way. Amen**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May God kindle in us the fire of love. **Amen.**



The Transfiguration is not to be understood only as a spiritual experience of Jesus while at prayer, which three chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John, were permitted to witness. It is one of a series of spiritual manifestations by which God authenticated Jesus as his Son. It is at one with the appearance of the angels at the birth and at his resurrection, and with the descent of the Spirit at Jesus' baptism. Matthew records the voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Briefly the veil is drawn aside, and a chosen few are permitted to see Jesus, not only as the human son of Mary, but also as the eternal Son of God. Moses and Elijah witness to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. In Luke's account of the event, they speak of the "exodus" which Jesus is to accomplish at Jerusalem. A cloud, a sign of divine presence, envelops the disciples, and a heavenly voice proclaims Jesus to be the Son of God.



Immediately thereafter, Jesus announces to Peter, James, and John the imminence of his death. As Paul was later to say of Jesus, “Though he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And, being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6–8).

The Feast of the Transfiguration is held in the highest esteem by the Eastern Churches. The figure of the transfigured Christ is regarded as a foreshadowing of the Risen and Ascended Lord. The festival, however, was only accepted into the Roman calendar on the eve of the Reformation, and for that reason was not originally included in the reformed calendar of the Church of England. Since its inclusion in the American liturgical revision of 1892, it has been taken into most modern Anglican calendars.

# Friday, August 7 2026

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O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

**92** *Bonum est confiteri*

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

5 Lord, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dullard does not know,  
nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  
but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O Lord,  
lo, your enemies shall perish, \*

and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

## John 2:2-12

<sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'

<sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.*

*The Officiant then begins the Prayers*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come to you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy: Give your blessings to the Diocese of Alaska. Watch over our churches, sustain our people, strengthen our leaders. Through the Holy Spirit, guide and guard the Diocese, keeping it always under your care and protection. Let us be a loving family, serving you in faithful devotion to the Gospel of your son, Jesus Christ.

Give your blessings to Mark our bishop.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. Let your Holy Spirit be his companion. Let your Gospel be always in his thoughts. May your presence in his life be a light for all to see, in every good work for the building up of your people and to the Glory of your Holy Name.

Give us the blessing of your example. Help us to follow in the Way of Jesus today and every day. Give us compassion at the center of all we do: Compassion for ourselves, as disciples still young in faith; compassion for others as members of our own family in God. Let us become examples for others as so many others have been examples to us, through your love and for the sake of your glory.

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

**AMEN.**

JOHN MASON NEALE

PRIEST, SCHOLAR, AND TRANSLATOR (7 AUGUST 1866)

Grant, O God, that in all time of our testing we may know your presence and obey your will; that, following the example of your servant John Mason Neale, we may with integrity and courage accomplish what you give us to do, and endure what you give us to bear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Final Collect**

May God's love be the love that surrounds us today.

May God's peace be the peace that we share on our way.

May God's grace be the grace that our actions display.

May God's truth be the truth in the words that we say. Amen      *Celtic*

*The service concludes as follows*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May Christ our Savior give us peace. **Amen.**

John Mason Neale was born in London in 1818, studied at Cambridge, where he also served as tutor and chaplain, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1842. Chronic ill health made parish ministry impractical, but in 1846, he was made warden of Sackville College, a charitable residence for the poor, which position he held for the rest of his life. Both a scholar and a creative poet, his skills in composing original verse and



translating Latin and Greek hymns into effective English lyrics were devoted to the church and were but one expression of his active support for the Oxford Movement in its revival of medieval liturgical forms. With such familiar words as “Good Christian men, rejoice” (The Hymnal 1982, #107), “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” (#199, 200), “All glory, laud, and honor” (#154, 155), “Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle” (#165, 166), and “Creator of the stars of night” (#60), he greatly enriched our hymnody.

Gentleness combined with firmness, good humor, modesty, patience, devotion, and an unbounded charity describe Neale's character. A prolific writer and compiler, his works include Medieval Hymns and Sequences, Hymns of the Eastern Church, Essays on Liturgiology and Church History, and a four-volume commentary on the Psalms. He established the Camden Society, later called the Ecclesiological Society, and, consistent with Anglo-Catholic principles that united liturgical piety with compassionate social action, he founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret for the relief of suffering women and girls.

Neale faced active persecution for his liturgical and theological principles. He was forced to resign his first parish due to disagreements with his bishop. He was physically attacked several times, including at a funeral of one of the sisters. Mobs threatened both him and his family, believing him to be a secret agent of the Vatican attempting to destroy the Church of England from within.

Though his work was little appreciated in England, his contributions were recognized both in the United States and in Russia, where the Metropolitan presented him with a rare copy of the Old Believers' Liturgy. He died on the Feast of the Transfiguration in 1866, at the age of 46, leaving a lasting mark on Anglican worship.

# Saturday August 8 2026

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**136 Confitemini**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

4 Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

7 Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

8 The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*

for his mercy endures for ever.

10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

16 Who led his people through the wilderness, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

17 Who struck down great kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

18 And slew mighty kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;



24 And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

25 Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## John 2:13-25

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.  
<sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'  
<sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?'  
<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'  
<sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?'  
<sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

23 When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Almighty God, whose loving hand *hath* given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor *thee* with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of *thy* bounty.

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

**Amen.**

DOMINIC

PREACHER, FRIAR, MISSIONARY (8 AUGUST 1221)

Almighty God, grant unto your people a hunger for your Word and an urgent longing to share your Gospel, that, like your servant Dominic, we might labor to bring the whole world to the knowledge and love of you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church**

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

*We thank you, Lord.*

### **Final Collect**

May we never walk in solitude or fear, but the fellowship of the Spirit warm our hearts, the love of the Saviour bring us joy and the shelter of the Father's arms forever keep us safe. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. Amen.

Dominic was the founder of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as Dominicans. He was born around 1170 in Spain. Influenced by the



contemporary search for a life of apostolic poverty, Dominic is reputed to have sold all his possessions to help the poor during a famine in 1191. Ordained in 1196, he soon became a canon and then sub-prior of the Cathedral of Osma, where a rule of strict discipline was established among the canons.

In 1203 he began a number of preaching tours in Languedoc, a region in Southern France, against the Cathars, who believed in a dualist version of Christianity that denigrated the physical world and the human body. In 1214, his plan to found a special preaching order

for the conversion of the Cathars began to take shape, and in the following year, he took his followers to Toulouse. At the Fourth Lateran Council in October of 1215, Dominic sought confirmation of his order from Pope Innocent III. This was granted by Innocent's successor, Honorius III, in 1216 and 1217.

Over the next few years, Dominic traveled extensively, establishing friaries, organizing the order, and preaching, until his death on August 6th, 1221. He is remembered as a man of austere poverty and heroic sanctity, always zealous to win souls by the preaching of pure doctrine.

The Dominican Constitutions, first formulated in 1216 and revised and codified by the Master-General of the Order, Raymond of Peñafort, in 1241, place a strong emphasis on learning, preaching, and teaching, and, partly through the influence of Francis of Assisi, on absolute poverty. The continuing Dominican apostolate embraces intellectual work and the arts of preaching, their major houses usually situated in university centers. Their Constitutions express the priority in this way: "In the cells, moreover, they can write, read, pray, sleep, and even stay awake at night, if they desire, on account of study."