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TRANSFIGURATION *of the Lord*

March 03, 2019

Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Climb with Moses up the mountain of God.

All: God's glory shines like the sun.

L: Climb with Jesus up the mountain of God.

All: Christ's glory shines like the sun.

L: Climb with the faithful up the mountain of God.

All: The Spirit's glory shines like the sun.

L: Climb the mountain of God.

All: We have come to see and to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance,

All: we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.

P: While we want a world of justice and peace,

All: we walk in the clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness.

P: Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,

All: we cower back, unable to bear the light of God.

Time of silent reflection . . .

P: In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is forgiven.

All: Amen



HYMN . . . "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" vs. 1, 2, 5

Text: Joseph A. Robinson - Tune: W. Mercer - ELW #315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here! your beau - ty to be - hold
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

GREETING

P: The one transfigured is in our midst.

All: Christ is clothed with power and might.

P: The one who is our light and our salvation calls.

All: Christ reveals God's truth and light.

P: The one who is God's Son is revealed in glory.

All: Christ is the very image of God.

P: The one who unveils the gospel leads us forth.

All: We will not shut out the lessons he teaches.

A TRANSFIGURATION LITANY

L: O Lord, you take us to the mountaintop, but we are dizzied by the height.

All: You would show us who you are, but we are blinded by the brilliance of your garment.

L: You would have us know the importance of the present, but we are visited by prophets wearing mantles of the past.

All: You would teach us how to build your kingdom, but we are content merely to erect your shelter.

L: You would make clear your will for us, but we are overshadowed by a cloud.

All: You would speak to us and make things plain, but we are amazed by another voice rumbling from heaven.

L: O Lord, at your baptism the sun shone like your garment does now, and the prophet John laid his hands on your head. At your baptism something new was beginning, but we did not know what it was; something new was being said, but we could not hear the voice.

All: But now we hear, and the voice is saying, "This is my beloved Son; to this one you shall listen."

L: And though we still question in our hearts what this meant,

All: We will follow you.

L: And though we descend the mountain fearing what mystery lies ahead,

All: We will trust your promise of always being with us.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



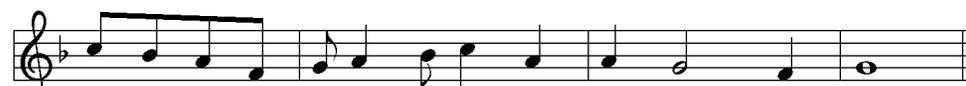
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

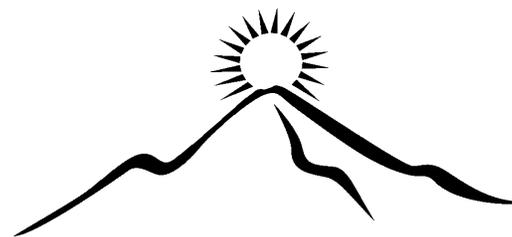


Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Be Thou My Vision”

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

FIRST READING . . . Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

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.

SECOND READING . . . 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the ninth chapter of Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus’ suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus’ identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

Now about eight days after these sayings 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY . . . “Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair” vs. 1-3

Text: Sarum - Tune: English ballad – ELW #316

1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and
glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us
moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Named and claimed by God, we are called to embody God’s love and presence in the world.

All: Our offering will enable this church to be the voice that speaks love, that speaks challenge, and that speaks grace to a world that so desperately needs to hear this radical, transforming message.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards -Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry- ELW #678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:



na-ture’s won-der, Je - sus’ wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave’s shat-tered door,



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f’ring up our-selves in praise;



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Lord of Light, when we become complacent and fail to see the wonder of your presence,

All: you bless us with your radiance and your love.

L: Illumine these gifts,

All: that the world may see your light shining in our gifts and our offerings.

L: Illumine our very lives,

All: that our souls may shine like Christ as he was transfigured upon the mountaintop. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

P: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth and death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on Earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel. Word of God incarnate, power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Come to the joyful meal of the God of Light, who welcomes all.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Beautiful Savior"

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Muenster, 1677 - Tune: Silesian folk tune - ELW #838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith - Tune: Welsh traditional - ELW #834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - hove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

All: **As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated



Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: Go forth to climb the mountain of God.

All: We will walk in the light and truth of God.

P: Go forth and listen to the voice that calls from heaven.

All: We will heed the call to follow Jesus.

P: Go forth to shine the light of Christ in the world.

All: We will live as lamps shining in the darkness.

P: Go with God.

All: We go sharing the love of God for all!

SENDING SONG . . . “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” vs. 1, 4

Text: Ruth Duck - Tune: William H. Walter - ELW #314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Please join us at 7pm
this Wednesday, March 6th
for our Ash Wednesday Service.**

