



And from the cloud
there came
a voice,
"This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!"

Mark 9:7

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”*

WELCOME

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.

INVOCATION

P The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The light of God is shining...

All: shining around and within.

L: The voice of God is calling...

All: calling not just from ancient texts, but from here and now.

L: The love of God is with us...

All: flowing around us and within us.

L: Stay with us, Creator God.

All: Live in us, Christ Jesus.

L: Abide in us, Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service.

All: We hear again these wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!"

P: If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need:

All: forgive us, God.

P: If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:

All: forgive us, Creator

P: If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless:

All: forgive us, Savior.

P: If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:

All: forgive us, Christ.

P: If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance:

All: forgive us, Healer.

Silence for reflection

P: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!



LITANY . . . *Transfiguration* — written by Meredith Holladay

L: God of our mountaintops,

All: give us gravity.

L: God of our valleys,

All: give us perspective.

L: God of our peaks,

All: give us stillness.

L: God of our depths,

All: give us footsteps forward.

L: God of the whole creation,

All: give us community.

L: God with us in our restlessness and wakefulness,

All: give us your rest.

L: God in our living, and God in our dying.

All: God in our laughter and God in our weeping.

L: God in our fear and God in our joy.

All: God in our doubting and God in our praise.

L: God we come today holding much heaviness in our hearts.

All: And we come with full hearts of love.

L: We hold all things to you, confident that you are already present in the darkest corners, and in the brightest light.

All: Move your Holy Spirit over us, in thought, word, and deed. In Christ's name, Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

All: Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Listen, for God speaks, calling out to the earth,

All: speaking for all to hear.

GOSPEL . . . *Mark 9:2-9*

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

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

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: The light of God is shining.

All: The word of God is speaking.

Reader: In this time of silence, may we look within and listen deeply

All: for the presence of God in our midst.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

OFFERING



OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of light and love,

All: shine through the gifts we bring before you now.

L: Speak through our hearts and our actions.

All: Bless our gifts, our offerings, and our very lives, that we may bless others with your presence. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

BENEDICTION

P: May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

All: We have been changed.

P: We can't be silent anymore.

All: We have seen the Light of the World.

P: Go and share the radiance of love!

All: We go with grace.

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE . . . “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

SINGING BOWL

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