
☞ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • FEBRUARY 11, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ OPENING HYMN CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER
LBW #474

✠ INVOCATION & VERSES 1 John 3:1-2

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

WL: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

All: **And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.**

WL: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

All: **But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

All: **God of compassion, in Jesus Christ You reveal the light of Your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in Your light and to follow in the way of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

WL: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation sits for the choir anthem

PARISH CHOIR

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING
MARTIN SHAW

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray: O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek You with a sincere heart You reveal the beauty of Your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to Your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 34:29-35

R: The First lesson for this Transfiguration Sunday is from the thirty-fourth chapter of Exodus.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-18; 4:1-6

R: The Epistle is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, the third and fourth chapters.

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR
LBW 518, STANZA 3

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-9

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE!

LBW #89

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✝ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

✝ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

**All: 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.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

✝ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT
LBW 536

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: O God, before the passion of Your one and only Son You revealed His glory upon the holy mountain. Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: May the love of God uphold you; the light of ✠ Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING SONG THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY

This train is bound for glory (3X)
Children, get on board!

No more weepin' and a-wailin'. (3X)
Children, get on board!

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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