
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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† *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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PARISH CHOIR ANTHEM

ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR
LIGHT HAS COME
BY ALLEN POTE

† CONFESSiON & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of all that is, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

All: Amen.

WL: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence for reflection

WL: Mighty God, lover of justice,

All: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own
interests at the expense of our neighbors.**

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

**Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of
Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

WL: The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

All: Amen!

† OPENING HYMN

THY STRONG WORD
LBW #233, STANZAS 1-4

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 24:8-18

R: The First lesson for this Transfiguration Sunday is from the 24th chapter of Exodus.

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 PETER 1:16-21

R: The Epistle is from Second Peter, the first chapter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

† VERSE

○ MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT
LBW #76, STANZAS 1 & 2

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,
our Lord and master, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, heav'nly bridegroom, light divine,
and deep within our hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree,
your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

† HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

† MESSAGE HYMN

RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!

LBW #393

† PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: With God's people throughout the ages, 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

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

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

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY LBW #390

† 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

THY STRONG WORD
LBW #233, STANZAS 5 & 6

† SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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