

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Sunday before Ash Wednesday

February 23, 2020

9:00 AM

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in omnibus glorificetur Deus

that in all things God may be glorified

Romans 15:5-6

1 Peter 4:7-11

Giving Thanks to God Through Worship!

Welcome! We hope that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen your relationship with God. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves you most – Jesus Christ! We invite all worshipers today to fill out the Fellowship Pew Pad during the offering portion of worship. You are also invited to make a prayer request on the green card, which is in the pew rack and then place the card in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We pray God’s blessings upon you and invite you to worship with us every Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.

AS WE GATHER WE PRAY

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The paraments are white. White is the color of purity and completeness and reinforces the message of joy. Today in worship, white reminds us of the holiness and glory of God as revealed in the transfigured Savior.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (February 23 – February 29)

Psalm 146:5: *Joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God. (NLT)*

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE ✠

(Lutheran Service Book, Page 151)

OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – LSB 790 (Stand on verse 5)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

People: but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son. *Hebrews 1:1-2*

Pastor: God said, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him."

People: Open our ears Lord, that we may hear; open our hearts that we may listen and obey.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: He made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

EXHORTATION

Pastor: Friends in Christ, God has gathered us together as His children, and has spoken to us through His Son. Even though we have often heard with our ears, we have not always listened with our hearts. We have not always honored and obeyed Him with our words and actions. If the truth is told, we frequently do not glorify Him with our lives. Let us, therefore, confess our sins before Him, and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People: according to Your abundant mercy wipe away my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Father, forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

People: so that we may delight in Your will, walk in Your ways, and serve You with a clean heart to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God hears our prayers and He sets us free from sin and death. He has sent His only Son to be born as a human, to die in our place, and to rise again to new life for our forgiveness and salvation.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Receive, then, God's unconditional grace for you.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" - LSB 873*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay there so that I may give you the stone tablets with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua and went up the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He told the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. Aaron and Hur are here with you. Whoever has a dispute should go to them.” ¹⁵ When Moses went up the mountain, the cloud covered it. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day he called to Moses from the cloud. ¹⁷ The appearance of the LORD’s glory to the Israelites was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain, and he remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights. *(CSB)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. *(Responses are spoken)*

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 PETER 1:16-21

We were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes ¹⁷ when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. *(NLT)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

"Sanctuary" – John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs

Lord prepare me To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. ²As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. ³Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." ⁶The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

⁷Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus.

⁹As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (*NLT*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES CREED

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.

HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” – LSB 821 (Stand on verse 5)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”
 get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”

THE SERMON

Psalm 146:5: “Joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God.” *(NLT)*

After the sermon please rise to sing:

SONG OF RESPONSE

“A Shield About Me” – BOB 2

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).

Sit

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.
Deuteronomy 8:18

Because we value your presence in worship and desire to serve you as best as we can, please use this time to complete the Fellowship Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Prayer requests may be made by filling out the green card in the pew rack in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

MUSICAL OFFERING

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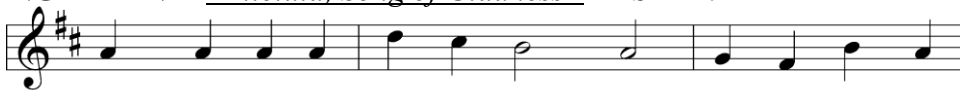
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” – LSB 417*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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POSTLUDE

Alleluia!

Christ Is Risen!

Christ Has Ascended!

Christ Is Returning!

Alleluia!