

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

11 February 2024, 10:15 am.

AS WE GATHER

In one sense, the Transfiguration of Our Lord provides a sort of climax to the first part of the story of Jesus in the liturgical year. In the glorious vision, Moses and Elijah appear as if to prove that everything written in the Bible in the Law and the Prophets has come true in the advent and appearance of Jesus, “true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary” (explanation of the Second Article). Yet this climactic event is not yet the true and complete climax of the story, but a transition now into the season of Lent and the road to the true climax: the cross of Good Friday, the resurrection of Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There is so much more to tell. This brief glimpse of glory and Peter’s eyewitness account is to give us the strength and encouragement now to bring the story to completion in us, that we become witnesses in possession of the glorious hope of eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Billy J. Foote

Verse

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again. **(Repeat)**

Chorus

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King,
Would die for me?

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Amazing love, I know it's true,
It's my joy to honor You. **(Repeat)**
In all I do I honor You.

Bridge

You are my King,
You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.
Jesus You are my King. **Chorus**

Ending

In all I do I honor You.

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You Are Holy

Bob Cochran

Chorus

You are holy, You are worthy of all glory You're the Lord.
You are holy, You are worthy of all glory You're the Lord.

I come into Your house to worship and to pray
You are the truth, You are the life, You are the way. **Chorus**

You promised to be here among us as we stand.
We gather in Your name, You hold us in Your hands. **Chorus**

INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering and come into His courts!

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REPENTANCE and RESTORATION

Today we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear the voice of our heavenly Father saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." Yet, as we follow Jesus, we have often failed to listen to His words. We have chosen to listen to the voice of the world rather than the voice of our transfigured Lord. So now, we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we have not listened to You or Your Son. We have ignored His voice and plugged our ears to His words of mercy. Forgive our sins and open our ears to Your voice once again.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. God's face has shined upon us. We are forgiven in Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray . . . O Lord, our God, You shone Your love to us through Your Son and in His light is our hope and joy.

Take us up to the mountain of His brightness that when we descend in the valleys of our lives, His light may remain upon us to guide our way. Grant that we may receive the testimony of Moses and Elijah fulfilled in Christ and make known Christ's light to the world;

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

Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

[Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Roy Tedsen

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RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139:1-10

Pastor Marty

*The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

*Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.*

**He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

*“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”*

**The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:12-13; 4:1-6

Grace Perry

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent, which begins this Wednesday, as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us stand and sing our farewell to that phrase of gladness now and raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and

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angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

Please stand.

Glory To The Lamb (Revelation 5:12)

Bill Batstone

To the reigning King of heaven, Alleluia, Alleluia!
To the One whose life was given, Glory to Your name!

Chorus

Alleluia, glory to the Lamb.
Alleluia, glory to the Lamb.
Alleluia, glory evermore
To the Lamb who was slain,
And who rose from the dead.
Alleluia, glory to the Lamb.
Alleluia, glory to the Lamb.
Alleluia, glory to the Lamb.
Allelu-----ia!

To the One whose blood redeemed us, Alleluia, Alleluia!
To the Holy One called Jesus. Glory to Your name! **Chorus**

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

"Jesus' Transfiguration Glory"

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ 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.**

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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.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Kindergarten – 5th grade students are excused to attend CHILDREN'S CHURCH in the ANNEX)

SONG OF THE DAY

Thy Word

Amy and Michael W. Smith

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me;
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near,
Please be near me to the end. **Chorus**

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering;
Jesus be my Guide, hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

You're the light unto my path.

Sermon Notes

Focus Scripture Verse(s)

The Law (Shows Our Sin)

The Gospel (Shows Our Salvation)

Main Point:

What Does This Mean for Me?

Application:

How does what I learned help me share God's Good News?

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Create In Me

Mary Rice Hopkins

Create in me__ a clean heart, Oh God__,
that I might serve__ You.

Create in me__ a clean heart, Oh God__,
that I might be renewed.

So fill me__ and heal__ me
and bring me back to You.

Create in me__ a clean heart, Oh God__,
that I might serve__ You.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Hear us, O Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*see hymnal inside back cover*)

Please be seated.

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DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

"Be a Mission Light"

Roy Tedsen

Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: *"This is My beloved Son; listen to Him."* Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: *"Listen to Him."*

- Be in the Word: Read Mark chapters 8 and 9.
- Be in fellowship: Join a small group, bring a soup for Lenten Suppers.
- Be doing good works: Walk a neighborhood in the evening, pray for the residents and introduce yourself to someone.

Please stand.

CLOSING RESPONSES

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,

"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart,

as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

CLOSING PRAYER

O God the Father, pleased with Your Son on the Mount of Transfiguration, we give thanks for the pardon and peace You have given us for His sake. As He descended to the plain with His disciples, accompany us now on our journey with Your Holy Spirit that we be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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BLESSING TO DEPART

The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who created us; the ✝ Son, who redeemed us; and the Holy Spirit, who has bestowed faith on us—be with You, today and always.

Amen.

DEPARTING SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored . . .

Chorus

. . . And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. ***Chorus***

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll grow in our fellowship with Jesus as our guide. ***Chorus***

△ All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. ***Chorus***

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

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