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**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 19, 2023**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair* by Stephen Gabrielsen

*Please stand.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here! (ELW 315)*

**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

*Brief silence.*

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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 out of the cloud.

<sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 99

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;  
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

Psalm 99:9

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<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your | name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **R**

## SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Refrain: 1. Choir refrain, 2. All refrain, 3. Choir verse, 4. All refrain**



This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! (*Luke 9:35*)

## GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

<sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Jesus on the Mountain Peak (ELW 317)*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Please be seated.*

### Prayers of Intercession

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace, with special care in our hearts for Rosemary Petry, Dottie Bowles, Chis Gates, Louis (Buddy) Blank, Mike Boehme, Mary Jane Schessenhagen, Gary Reiminschneider, and Betty Boenisch. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

### **Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.** *(Please greet those nearest you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")*

*Please be seated.*

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Transfiguration* by Craig Phillips  
St. John's Choir

*O burning mountain,  
O chosen sun,  
O perfect moon,  
O fathomless well,  
O unattainable height,  
O unattainable light,  
O clearness beyond all measure,  
O wisdom without end,  
O mercy without all limit,  
O strength beyond resistance,  
O crown of all majesty,  
All creation humbly sings your praise:  
Bright stars, high mountains,  
depths of the seas, rushing waters,  
All these break into song  
at heaven's proclamation:  
This is my Son, my beloved,  
My chosen One.  
Alleluia!*

--Mechtild of Magdeburg (1207-1294)

*Please stand.*

## Offertory Response

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

## Sending Hymn

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness (ELW 318)*

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Passacaglia by Andre Raison*

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