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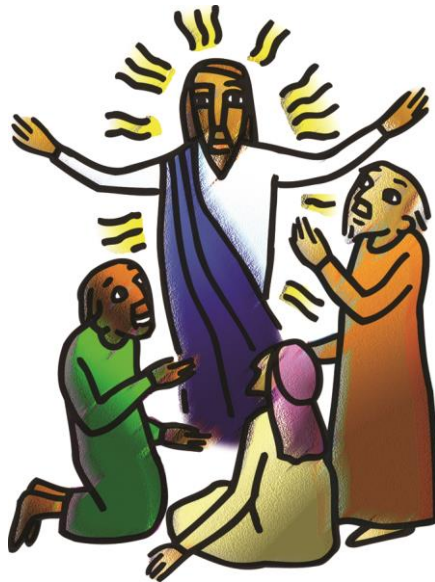
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**February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.  
(Silence for Private Confession)

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free  
ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the  
world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now  
declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ  
our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW #631

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Music: Rowland h. Prichard, 1811-1887

**\*Apostolic Greeting:**

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

**And also with you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: “Glory be to God in Heaven”** Setting 10, page 204

1 Glory be to God in Heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

**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. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Exodus 24: 12-18

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 2

L: Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**C: Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?**

L: "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

**C: God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.**

L: Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

**C: As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.**

L: Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

**C: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

L: You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**C: And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you ruler of the earth.**

L: Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

**C: Lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

**Scripture Reading:**

2 Peter 1: 16-21

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**      "Alleluia"      Setting 10, page 205, ELW

Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Holy Gospel:**

Matthew 17: 1-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of Matthew.

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

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."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

**\*Hymn:**

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
Music: Silesian folk tune, 19<sup>th</sup> cent.

**\*Apostle's Creed:**

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.

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering:** (children may bring offerings forward)

**\*Offertory Hymn:** "Arise, Your Light Has Come" ELW #314 (v. 1 & 4)

1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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**\*Offertory Prayer:**

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**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.**

**\*Benediction:**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** "This Little Light of Mine"

ELW #677

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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**\*Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**