



Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

Opening Hymn #719

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1. Jesus on the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak,
Join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia!

2. Trembling at His feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
Shout through them their joyful greeting.
Alleluia!

3. Swift the cloud of glory came:
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia!

4. This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and last and only One.
All creation shall adore Him!
Alleluia!

Invocation

P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.

P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

C ♪: Amen.

Gloria Patri

C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend,
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C ♪: And with thy spirit.

The Collect for the Day

P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪: Amen.

The First Reading – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him

and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 99

*Antiphon – Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the Lord.*

1. The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*
**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth
quake!**
2. The LORD is great in | Zion;*
he is exalted over all the | peoples.
3. Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*
Ho- | ly is he!
4. The King in his might loves | justice.*
**You have established equity; you have executed justice
and righteousness in | Jacob.**
5. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*
Ho- | ly is he!
6. Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was
among those who called up- | on his name.*
They called to the LORD, and he | answered them.
7. In the pillar of the cloud he | spoke to them;*
**they kept his testimonies and the statute that he | gave
them.**
8. O LORD our God, you | answered them;*
**you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their
wrong- | doings.**

9. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

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

Antiphon – Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the Lord.

The Second Reading – Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Verse of the Day – Psalm 45:2a

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 9:28-36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with

him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Confession of Faith ***The Nicene Creed***

P & C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the

**remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day #720

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

1. Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

2. With Moses and Elijah nigh
Th' incarnate Lord holds converse high,
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.

3. With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who trust in His atoning love.

4. And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Sermon Text – Hebrews 3:1-6

Sermon

***The Glory of God Is Manifested in the
Body of Christ***

Offertory

***C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take***

not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Gracious Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Holy Christian Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come.

**1 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height! ...**

P: Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us.

**Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where the Lord has fixed His eyes.**

P: Lord, all authority is given by You and our times are in Your hands. Give wisdom to our president and those in public office, that they may govern according to Your good will. Bless the work of this congregation to reach the lost. Grant favorable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and prosper all honorable vocations, businesses and industries.

2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation,

**They shall gain and keep its truth.
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth, ...**

P: Most merciful God, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying [*especially* _____].

**But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

P: Holy Father, by the blood of Your Christ, You have purified us. Strengthen us and give us unity of doctrine and piety. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace.

**3. Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of Your designs, ...**

P: Almighty God, You bestow honor and favor on all who dwell in Your house and withhold no good thing from them. Give us faith in Your promises, that we who worship You here may come to dwell in Your heavenly house.

**Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of

Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Congregation please stand)

The Communion Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you:

C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts:

C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:

C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus

C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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;

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

C ♪: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world,**

Have mercy upon us.

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world,**

Have mercy upon us.

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world,**

Grant us Thy peace. A-men.

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis

**C ♪: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,
According to Thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast
prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the
Gentiles**

And the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:

C ♪: And His mercy endureth forever.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn #135
'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here.
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Silent Prayer

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