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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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## Prelude

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

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.**

*Psalms 50:1-2*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

**Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

*Psalms 67:1, 3*

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

**Has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*2 Corinthians 4:6*

## Confession and Absolution

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

*A Time of Silence*

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

- ♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”
- ♪ Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: I am with you evermore”?
- ♪ Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- ♪ Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.
- ♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 821—Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.; Text: Public domain*

## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Amazing Grace”

- ♪ Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- ♪ The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- ♪ Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- ♪ Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.

♪ When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 744—Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5):  
A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond; Text: Public domain*

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him 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 dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

1 Peter 1:16–21

<sup>16</sup>...since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

*Music: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” Hymn 461*

“O Wondrous Type!”

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

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

♪ With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

♪ 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.

## *Please Stand*

♪ O Father, with th'eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 413-Text: Sarum Breviary, Salisbury 1495; tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66;  
Text: Public domain;*

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 17:1–9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

## **Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

## **The Hymn**

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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

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

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

♪ Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

♪ ’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.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 414 - Text: Joseph A. Robinson 1858-1933; Text: Public domain*

## **Proclamation of the Word**

“All About Change!”

Matthew 17:1–9

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

## Admonition to Communicants

### Lord's Prayer

### Agnus Dei Hymn

“The Lamb”

- ♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain  
~Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
- ♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. ~Worthy...
- ♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. ~Worthy...
- ♪ He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. ~Worthy...
- ♪ He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. ~Worthy....

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 547—Text: Gerald P. Coleman, 1953–2023;  
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### Words of Our Lord

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Distribution Hymns

“Beautiful Savior”

- ♪ 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.
- ♪ Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 537- Text: Munsterisch Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677, tr. Joseph A. Seiss 1823-1904  
;Text: Public domain.*

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

- ♪ Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

- ♪ Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- ♪ Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- ♪ Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise Thine the banquet  
Then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- ♪ Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 680—Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009  
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**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.  
**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

- ♪ Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- ♪ Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- ♪ Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- ♪ They that drink shall live forever; ’Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 435—Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.; Text: Public domain*

### **Postlude**