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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“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!

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

The King in His might loves justice.

**You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

**For the LORD our God is holy!**

*Psalm 99:4 & 9*

*A Time of Silence*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Please Be Seated*

Exodus 34:29–35

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle**

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

♪ I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

~In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

♪ I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father. ~In Him...

♪ I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. ~In Him....

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## **Holy Gospel** *Please Stand*

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Apostles' 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.

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

"Until the Son of Man is Risen from the Dead"

Mark 9:2-9

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Special Intercessions*

For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

In the peace of Christ, we pray the prayer He has taught us:

**Lord's 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 upon you with favor and + give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Amen.**

**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.

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**Postlude**