



## Sunday, February 19, 2023

### Transfiguration of Our Lord

Last Sunday after Epiphany, Year A

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: 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 rulers of the earth.**  
L: Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;  
lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
C: **Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

HYMN *How Good, Lord, To Be Here!*

ELW 315 vs 1,2,3,5

- 1 **How good, Lord to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**
- 2 **How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**
- 3 **Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**
- 5 **How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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.

## CHILDREN'S WORD

### A READING FROM: 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.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 17:1-9

**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."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON *Pastor Julie Rogness*

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!**

## APOSTLES 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 — SHARING THE PEACE

### GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING...

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God,

**C: 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.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

P: 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER—INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *I want to walk as a child of the light*

ELW 815

**1 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.**

*Refrain:* **In him there is no darkness at all. The day and the night are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 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.**  
*Refrain...*

**3 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.**  
*Refrain...*

COMMUNION BLESSING

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

BENEDICTION

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *In Thee is Gladness*

ELW 867

- 1 **In thee is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living,  
to thee are cleaving: naught can us sever: Alleluia!**
- 2 **Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,  
not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;  
he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory  
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love him and praise him,  
and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

*Ringing of Bell*

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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