

THERE IN THEIR PRESENCE JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED:
HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN AND HIS CLOTHES
BECAME AS WHITE AS THE LIGHT

MATTHEW 17:2

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Setting Three

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C. Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. 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

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

The Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**



Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Sung by the Choir

Hymn of Praise



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **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.**

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

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L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Reflection ~ Phillip Keveren

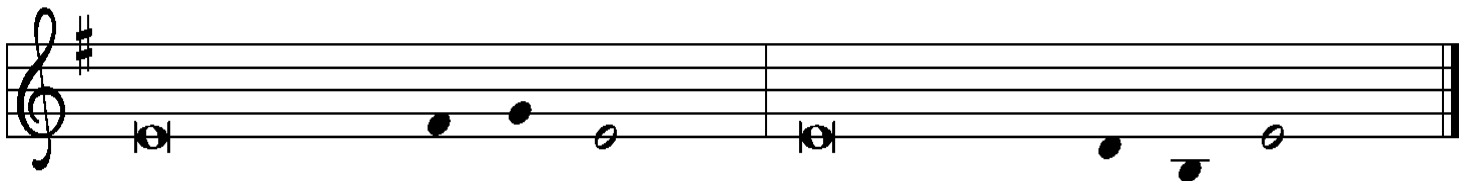
Ian Livingston, violin

Psalmody

Psalm 99

(Tone 8 ELW)

chanted responsively



The LORD is king; let the ^l people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ^l the earth shake.

**The LORD, ^l great in Zion,
is high a- ^l bove all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is ^l great and awesome;
God is the ^l Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ^l tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ^l ness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ^l fore God's footstool;
God is the ^l Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your ^l name, O LORD;
they called upon you, and you ^l answered them,**

you spoke to them out of the pil- ^l lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ^l that you gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered ^l them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their ^l evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ^l holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ^l Holy One.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter seventeen.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Marissa Krey

Hymn of the Day

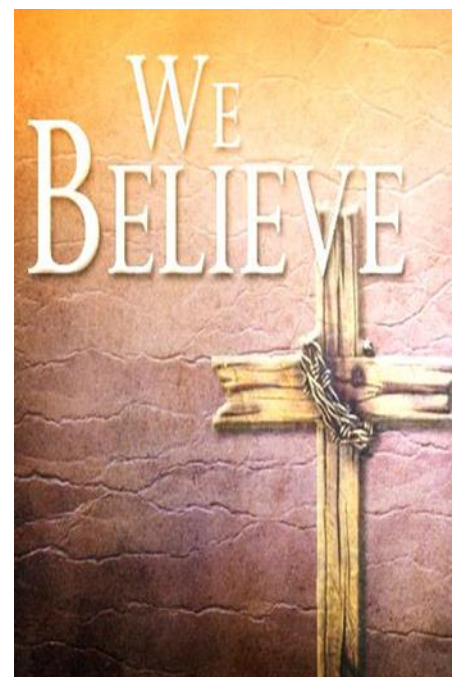
Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen



INTERCESSION

Prayers of Intercession

A. Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Anthem

Come, Light of God ~ Grandchamp Community

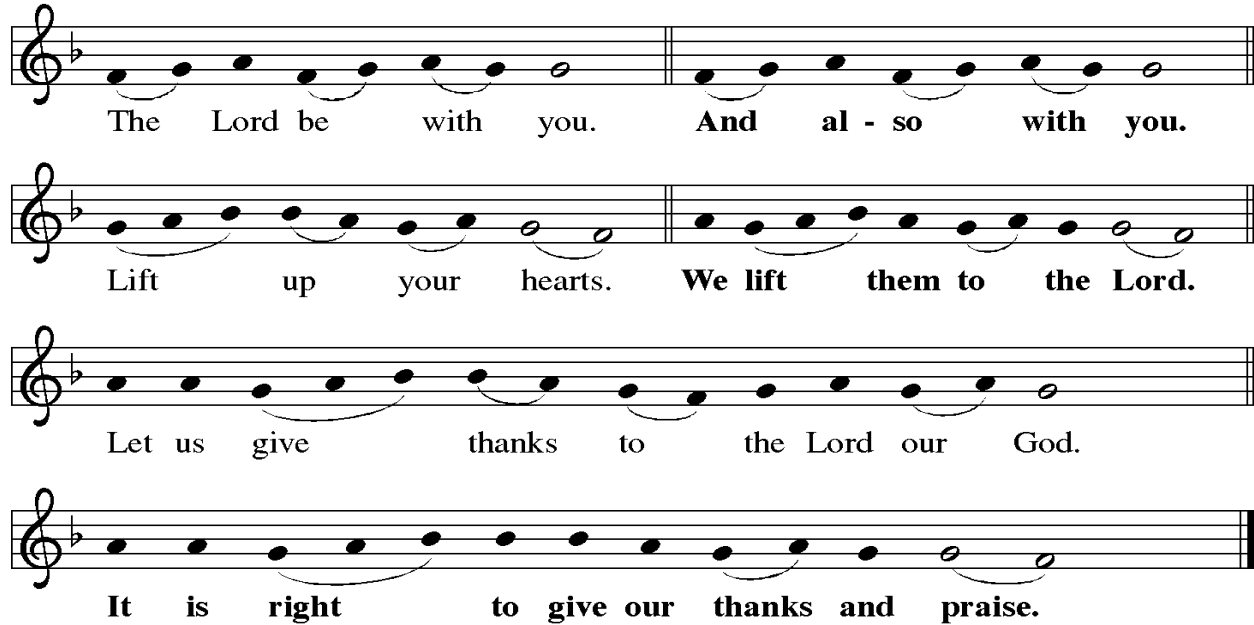
Choir

Offertory Prayer

A. 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**

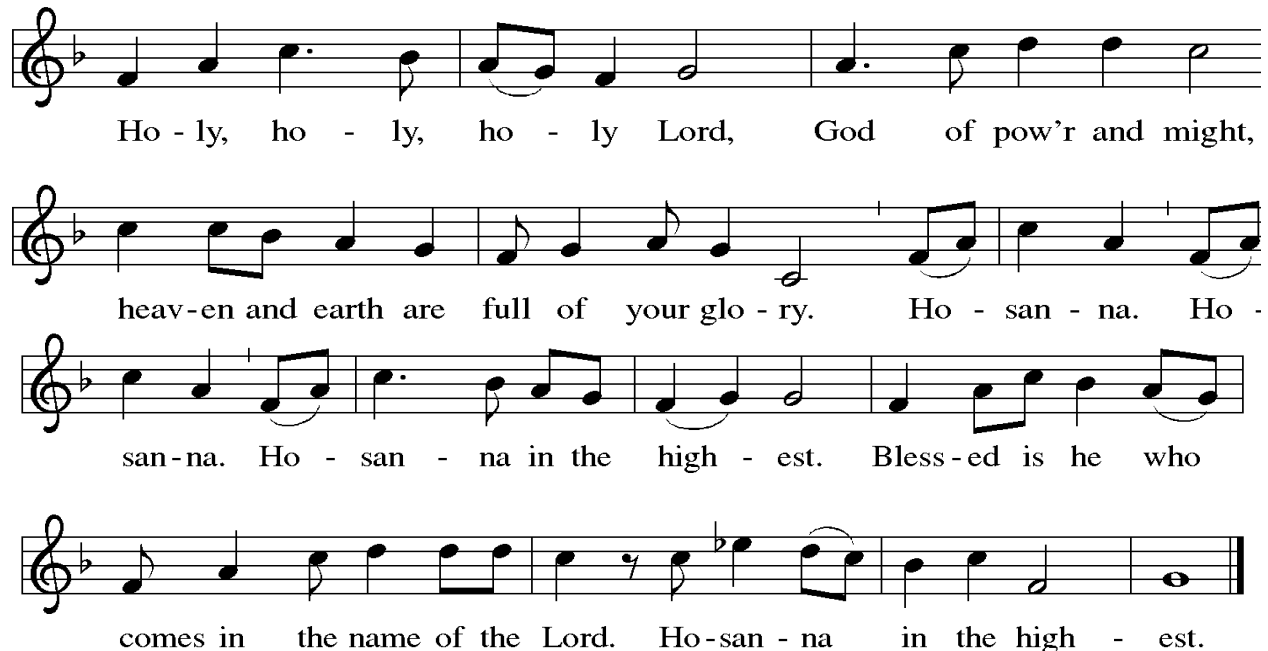
The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right . . .

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic 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

Invitation to Communion

P. Come and taste the joy of God!

C. Amen

Lamb of God

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line, and 'us' is also underlined with a curved line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Beautiful Savior

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Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C. Amen

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which
You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -
veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!
Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA -THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And
Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -
ev - er, A - men. A - men. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

A. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C. Amen

Blessing

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

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Dismissal

- A. Go in peace.
Follow in the way of Jesus.
- C. Thanks be to God.



Postlude



Servers for Sunday, February 19th

Assisting Minister..... Sylvia Lambert
 Reader Mary Cook
 Altar Guild Helen Holderman
 Acolyte..... Antonio Smith
 Guest Musician..... Ian Livingston, Violin

Candles for the month of February are given by Julia Lochra.



Flowers this week are given in thankfulness for all our Lord’s Blessings.



UPCOMING
EVENTS



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Reception into membership will take place on **March 5th**. Please see Pastor John if you wish to officially join our church family.

A Pancake Supper will be held in the fellowship hall on February 21st at 6 pm.

There will be a freewill offering for World Hunger. Known also as "Mardi Gras", Shrove Tuesday is basically the day of preparation for Lent. The tradition in the church of having pancake suppers and the secular tradition of just plain partying probably derives from the practice of feasting before the fast. It takes place on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent.)



SHROVE TUESDAY

All are invited to attend the Pancake Supper and join in our special celebration!!!

ASH
WEDNESDAY



*Remember that
You are dust, and to
dust You shall return.*

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 22nd at 7 pm. Lent consists of the forty days before Easter. In the western Church, we skip over the Sundays when we count the days of Lent, because Sunday is always the joyful celebration of the Resurrection. Therefore, the first day of Lent in the western Church is always a Wednesday.

Simple Suppers will be held during Lent on Wednesdays at 6 pm, prior to the Lenten Worship, from February 22nd thru April 5th. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to sponsor a meal.

