



Transfiguration of Our Lord CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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Prayer As We Gather In the past few Sundays we have seen a brief sketch of our Lord's three-year ministry of preaching, teaching and healing. Now his face is set toward Jerusalem and he leads us into the Lenten journey toward his cross. As Moses only glimpsed the Promised Land from afar, on the Mount of Transfiguration we are given a brief glimpse of Jesus' glory. It is on Mount Calvary, however, that his true glory is seen. We are reminded that we share Jesus' glory now by baptism into his death and resurrection. The final glory is assured by Moses, Elijah, Jesus, Peter, James, and John, that we shall rise and live forever in the glory of heaven.

Opening Hymn

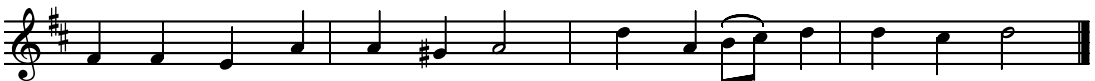
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ALL: Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter, James and John,
 ALL: What do You want us to see there, that Your close com - pan - ions saw?
 Women/Girls: What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
 Men/Boys: Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see You glor - i - fied,
 ALL: We who have be - held Your glor - y, ris - en and as - cend - ed Lord,



we are daz-zled by Your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun.
 Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe.
 Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:
 where You shout - ed "It is fin - ished!" where for all the world You died,
 can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that we have seen and heard;



There pre - pare us for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our dead - liest Foe.
 "Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery - one, This is My be - lov - ed Son!"
 Hear the stunned cen - tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 say with Pe - ter, James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Invocation and Opening Verses

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C: Holy is he!

P: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

C: They called the LORD, and he answered them.

P: O LORD our God, you answered them;

C: you were a forgiving God to them.

Psalm 99:1, 3b, 6a, c, 8a

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: O God, our Father, we confess to you all our sins, our slowness to learn of Christ, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross. Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Forgive us and renew us that we may have the strength of faith to take up our cross and follow Christ, our glorious Lord. Amen.

P: For Jesus' sake, Almighty God in his mercy forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise –“This is the Feast of Victory”

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Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your beloved Son, in the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud you wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of 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.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson – “Reflecting God’s Glory” – Exodus 34:29-35 ²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the LORD’s presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Epistle Lesson – “God’s Light Shines In Our Hearts” – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Verse of the Day (Sing)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn – “How Good Lord To be Here”

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Sermon

“THE VIEW FROM THE TOP”

Luke 9:28-36



²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, ³¹appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

Confession of Faith (Martin Luther's Explanation to the Second Article)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Offering

Childrens' Lesson

Hymn – “Beautiful Savior

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Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Benediction

Farewell to Alleluia

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P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian church has omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia which means, "Praise the Lord." Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that can - not die; al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly
Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia
May our hymns be filled with long - ing hear us, Ho - ly Trin - i - ty As we look to



is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
church u - nit - ed, jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
our trans - gress - ions make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
your blest East - er, here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic choir.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!