

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 10 & 11, 2024

### INTRODUCTION

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK – Call Committee Update

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We remember our baptism,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us  
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950  
Music: Graham Kendrick

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**\* GREETING**

**P** Christ has called us to this place,  
gathered one and all by his Holy Spirit

**C** **We are followers of Christ  
who seek to hear the Word,  
live the Word,  
and share the Word.**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**\* KYRIE**

*Assistant: In peace, in peace,*

Musical notation for the Kyrie. The first line is for the Assistant, and the second line is for the Congregation. The music is in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy."

*Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all... (Refrain)*

*Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)*

Musical notation for the Kyrie. The line is for the Congregation. The music is in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men."

**\* SALUTATION**

Musical notation for the Salutation. The first line is for the Presider, and the second line is for the Congregation. The music is in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you."

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

5:30 Bell Choir

8:30 Praise Choir

11:00 Chancel Choir

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6**

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,  
for it is God who is judge.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<sup>3</sup>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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**\* GOSPEL VERSE**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life: Al-le-lu-ia!

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

**C** **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening!**

**\* GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

Pastor Sharon

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**ELW #838**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Beautiful Savior" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in the bass.

Tru - ly I'd love thee,      tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er,      Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er,      Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or,      praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul,      my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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### \* THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

### THE OFFERING



*Refrain/Estribillo*



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite



pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect



them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955  
Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

P God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**



**\* THE LORD'S 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

**\* BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace.

C Amen

**\* SENDING HYMN**

**"Christ, Be Our Light"**

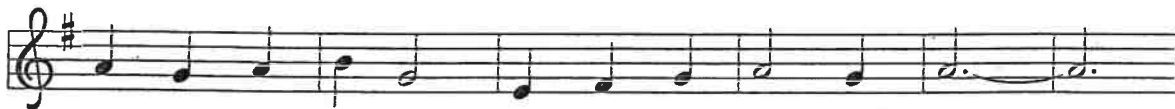
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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957  
 Music: Bernadette Farrell  
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**\* DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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