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Transfiguration Sunday

10:15 a.m. Holy Communion

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

↑ **OPENING HYMN** *“Oh, Wonderous Image, Vision Fair”* ELW #316

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Before we climb the mountain today, O Lord, we hasten to lighten our load.

C So we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and that we have thought more of ourselves than others.

P Yet our Savior Jesus grants us his most gracious pardon.

C Thanks be to God!

GREETING

P The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Listen to the Word”
(sing 3 times)

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen

↓SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A A READING FROM 2 KINGS THE 2nd CHAPTER

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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.”

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰He 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.” ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD

C Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS THE 4TH CHAPTER

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD

C Thanks be to God

↑GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

P THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK THE 9TH CHAPTER

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did

not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.

☐ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

↑HYMN OF THE DAY *“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”* *ELW #315*

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 PRAYERS

☐ 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.

A We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially*) **Mary Anderson, Barbara Birger, Trish Evanik, Linda Hartney, Rev. Carol Lindsay, Lynne Neibert, Brenda Richardson, Kristin Runfolo, Bonnie Sveum, Heather Viscito** and those we name aloud, and in our hearts (*pause*). We also pray today, Lord, for our homebound members and our military personnel, persons facing abuse and those struggling with mental health issues. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. 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.

⇔ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share the peace.

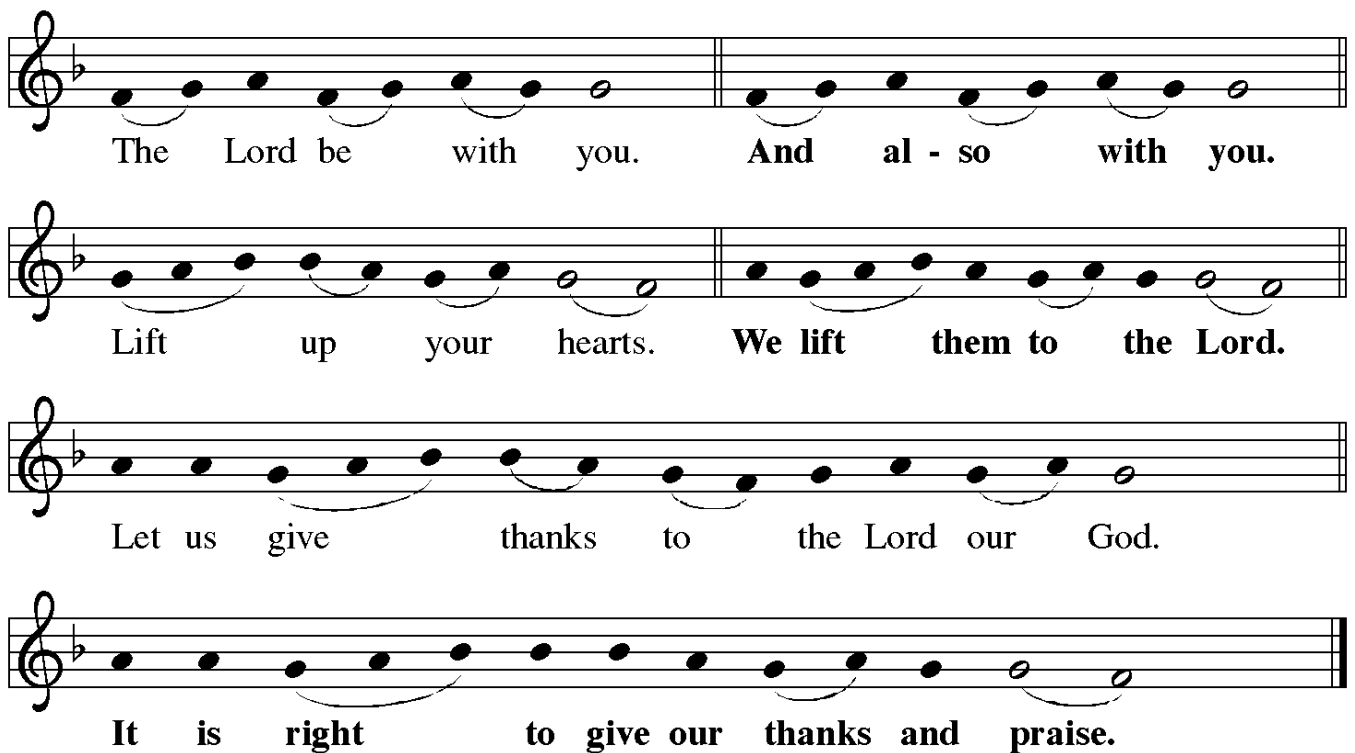
↓ OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

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.

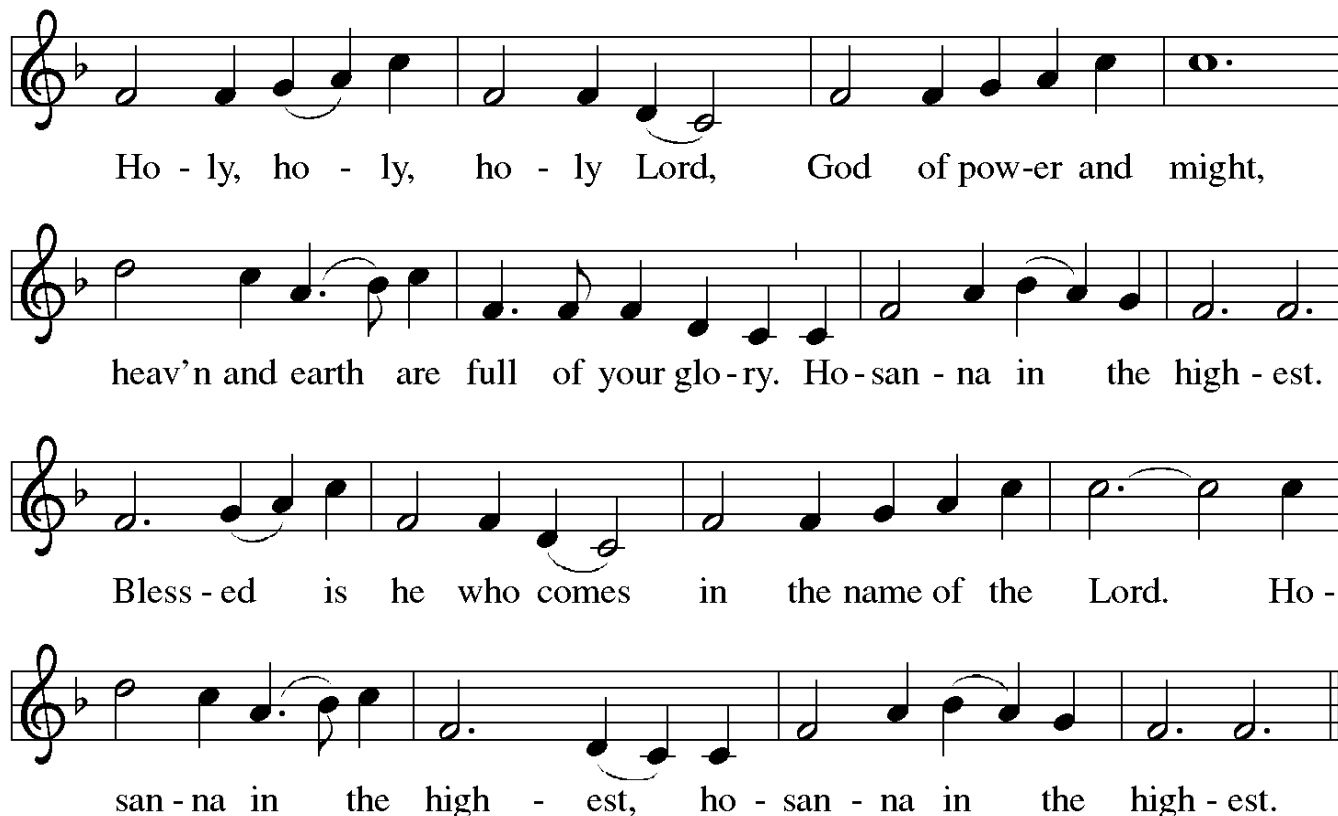
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and taste the joy of God!

C Amen.

↓ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In Christian fellowship you are welcome to the Lord's table. Come forward by the center aisle to receive the host and wine. (The pulpit side of the congregation communes first). If you prefer grape juice, the cups in the center of the tray are filled with juice. Wine is on the outside. Return to your pew using the side aisle after you have communed.



Children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen

BLESSING

[P] God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

ELW #318

DISMISSAL

[A] Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

[C] Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Prayers for the homebound

- ✝ Pray for our elderly members who are unable to attend worship and help us to minister to them faithfully (*especially*), Meta Brockmann, June Kaiser, Jean Kissack, Eddie Leicht, Rocky Metroka, Fred Miller, and Chuck Sherrick.

Prayers for the military

- ✝ Protect and comfort our servicemen and women as they stand in harm's way (*especially*), Benjamin Aronson, Steven Bobrowski, Ian Hay, Jeff Hill and Phillip Spatz. We pray for families and countries in conflict throughout the world.