

# Worship in the Home

## Transfiguration of Our Lord, Year B

### February 14, 2021



*In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.*

#### Prelude

#### Announcements

#### Greeting

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

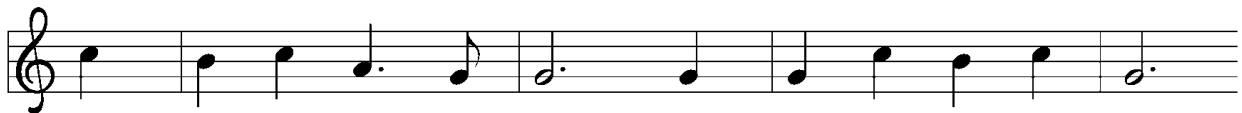
#### Gathering Hymn

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*ELW # 853*



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

## **Prayer of the Day**

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. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 2:1-12

### **Psalm 50:1-6**

<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

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-9

<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 any more, but only Jesus.

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

**Homily**

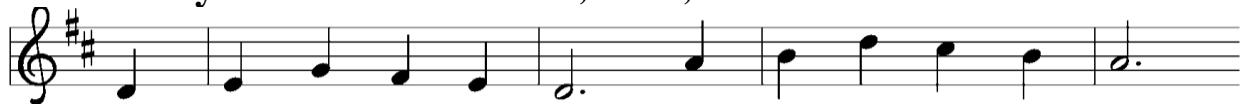
## Reflection

In the Gospel according to Mark, the identity of Jesus—who Jesus really is—is repeatedly hidden in a secret. Here, in today’s text, after Peter and the others see Jesus in shining clothing talking with Moses and Elijah—the two Old Testament figures who were taken to be with God, the two who stand for all the law and the prophets—and after they hear the very voice of God bearing witness to him, they then see only Jesus—just the man Jesus—and he tells them to say nothing until after the resurrection. Though they do not understand, they will soon enough see him killed, hidden in death. Now, this Sunday, we gather on the day of resurrection. And the hidden truth is to be told openly in our assemblies and in our homes. Mark’s Gospel is that truth being told now. In its text, also we hear the voice from the mountain. In the power of the Spirit, the light of Jesus Christ shines in our hearts. What we see is not only the shining Son of God, but the Jesus who has gone to the cross, God with us in our suffering. That is the secret. Acting out of that hidden light we are invited to join Paul in serving others.

## Hymn of the Day

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

*ELW # 315*



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

## Prayers of Intercession

On this last Sunday after Epiphany, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

O God of light, we pray for communities of faith around the globe, for our own congregation, for pastors, and for all Christians who cannot gather for communal worship. Show us your face in the darkness, and speak your word of power to all the faithful. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

O Morning Star, we pray for the earth, for life forming in the dark earth and ocean depths, for creatures seen and unseen, and especially for the animals who require cold and ice. Give us your Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of the planet. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

O Sun of righteousness, we pray for our nation's elected leaders, for attorneys and juries, and for all who work for justice in our land. Give to them all integrity in service and courage to choose what is right. We pray for our citizenry, that prejudice may cease, that resentment may wane, and that violence be averted. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

Beautiful Savior, we pray for all who suffer from Covid-19, for medical workers, and for all who await the vaccine. We pray for those enduring famine, for those experiencing homelessness, for the people of Yemen, and for all who live in war zones. We pray for all who are ill, for all who receive no medical care, and for those we name here before you: . . . Heal them with your loving might. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

Shine, Jesus, shine, also on us, and receive the petitions of our hearts. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

We remember before you all who have died in the faith, especially the missionaries Cyril and Methodius and the reformer Martin Luther, and for those we name here before you. . . . Be with us in our every darkness, until at our end we join with the saints in your everlasting light. Hear our prayer, O God: **Alleluia! Amen.**

O holy Trinity, Light-Creator, Light of Light begotten, and Light-Revealer, receive our praise and hear our prayers, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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. 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.**

## Sending Hymn

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW # 318



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

## Benediction

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

*Join us for fellowship on Zoom immediately following the postlude.  
Meeting ID 596-621-1441      Passcode 8675309*

## Lenten Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM Livestream

Monday, Friday 9AM Hymn Devotion

Tuesday & Thursday 9AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9PM Night Prayer

\*\*\*Wednesday 7PM Holden Evening Prayer w/Bible Study after on Zoom

Thursday 7PM Lenten Devotions on Zoom

\*\*\***Ash Wednesday Only:** 9AM Facebook Live; 12 Noon & 7PM Zoom

## Serving God and Us Today

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**First Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Local Needs”**

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Audrey Hite, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Helena Bassler, Marsha Bookhammer, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Mary Creps, Greg Dick, Brian Fleck, Jim Freyer, Donna Gearhart, Vinnie Gunning, Erika Hallam, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Joan Housel, Amber Itle, Michelle Iwanski, Jenny, James Kelly, Darren Kreutzer, Kristen Malloy, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Bill Stahl, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle’s Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

**Specialist Training in the Army:** Nathan Smith

## Ash Wednesday—February 17th

Virtual Ash Wednesday services will be on Facebook Live at 9AM and on Zoom at 12PM and 7PM. All three services will be the same, but you can have a fuller communal experience on Zoom if you choose. If you want to impose ashes at home as part of the liturgy, ashes will be available to pick up at the church Sunday, February 14th through Wednesday, February 17th, inside the door to the Fellowship Hall. (You may prepare your own ashes at home by burning palms from previous Palm Sundays. Ashes may stay on longer if you mix the dry ash with a little olive oil. Do NOT mix ashes with water; this will burn your skin.)

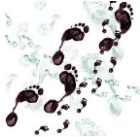




## Lent-In-A-Bag

We will gather on Zoom for a time of devotion with music and crafts on Thursdays during Lent at 7PM. Materials for the crafts will be available for you to pick up at the church Sunday, February 14th through Wednesday, February 17th inside the door to the Fellowship Hall. Please take one bag per person in your household who wants to participate. We hope to see folks of all ages; very young children may need a little help with the crafts.

### Lenten Journey for your Fridge



Post our map on your refrigerator to follow a Lenten journey of daily devotions. Each day has a recommended activity to go with a verse or story from scripture and questions for discussion or personal reflection. Find the maps, a magnet to track your progress, and the accompanying devotional material at the church Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, inside the door to the Fellowship Hall.

### **\*\*\*3 Things to Pick Up at St. Matthew\*\*\***

Sunday, February 14th through Wednesday, February 17th,  
please drop by to pick up:

- Ashes for Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Devotional Journey Map & Materials
- Lent-In-A-Bag Devotional and craft supplies

Materials will be inside the door to the Fellowship Hall.

### Readings for the Week:

**Monday** Psalm 110:1-4. **Tuesday** Job 19:23-27. **Wednesday** ([Ash Wednesday](#)) Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. **Thursday** (commemoration of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, 1546) Psalm 25:1-10. **Friday** 2 Timothy 4:1-5. **Saturday** Matthew 9:2-13. **First Sunday in Lent** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

Reflection text: Gordon Lathrop. Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw

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