

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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As We Gather

At Jesus' ascension back to heaven He gave us one last command. “Go and tell.” That is and must be the most important thing in our lives. What is the message that we have to give. We can say that all sins, no matter how dark, or how deep, can and will be forgiven for anyone who simply apologizes for those sins. The reward for that simple apology is an eternal life in a world without sin. What a wonderful message we have to share with all our family, friends, and neighbors.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (LSB 477)
sts. 1, 3

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 50:1–2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6

P The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
C **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.
C **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

P For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”
C **has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Confession and Absolution

P O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
God of grace and glory, on the Mount of Transfiguration, You directed Your disciples to listen to Jesus. Grant that we may ever listen to our Lord as His Word is read, preached, sung, and shared. By the power of the Spirit, keep us attuned to His message of grace and forgiveness and help us daily to reflect the glory of Your love to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 24:8–18*

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Peter 1:16–21*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place,

until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 17:1–9*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (LSB 493) *sts. 1, 5–6*

Sermon: Listen to Him *Matthew 17:1–9*

Catechism *The First Article*

P In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, from whom our divine Savior, Jesus Christ, was begotten before all worlds. It is the voice of God the Father that we hear on the Mount of Transfiguration, acclaiming His Son, Jesus, and directing His disciples to listen to Him. As we declare our faith in God the Father, we affirm our trust in His plan for us as His children to grant us life and to place us into vocations through which we can serve Him and our neighbors.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offertory *LSB 192*

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 194-202 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 194*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

Distribution Hymns

Beautiful Savior (LSB 537)
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (LSB 849)
'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here (LSB 414)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✢ forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benedicamus

Benediction

Closing Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns (LSB 525)
sts. 1, 5

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