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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Saturday February 13, 2021 6:00 p.m. and Sunday February 14, 2021 8:30 a.m.**

## As We Gather

There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: "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" (2 Peter 1:16b–18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!

### PREPARATION

## Opening Song

### 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB #414



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y  
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Isaiah 30:15, 18, 29*

- P** For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
**C** **“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”**
- P** Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.  
**C** **For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.**
- P** You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept,  
**C** **and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.**

## 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, word, and deed.  
**C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.  
**C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.  
**C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- 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*

## Introit

*Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!
- C** **The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- P** The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.
- C** **Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!**
- P** The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- C** **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Prayer of the Day

**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 You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His 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 Reading

*2 Kings 2:1–12 (ESV)*

*Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind*

<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> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please 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> And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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 sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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 sons of the 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 cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6 (ESV)*

*Paul writes of God's people being transformed*

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. <sup>1</sup> Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And 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 what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

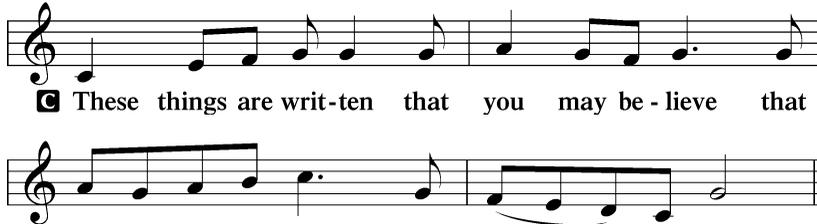
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Verse

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These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## Alleluia

LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2–9 (ESV)

*Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop*

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup> And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**P** In the First Article, our confession is focused on God, our Creator, from whom our divine Savior Jesus Christ has proceeded. 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. We speak the words of this article of the Apostles’ Creed followed by the explanation.

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

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **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.**

Sermon Hymn

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

LSB #416



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en’s voice, the daz-zling light;  
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
And re - cast our life’s in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise  
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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**Sermon**

*A Second Time*

**Mark 9:2-9**

**Offering** (*Offering and attendance cards can be placed in basket at the back.*)

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

*Brief silence*

**(Each petition will close with; Lord in Your mercy... and the congregation replies: Hear our prayer. Prayer requests are listed in the Tidings)**

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**C 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.**

## **Farewell to Alleluia**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7*

**P** This week with Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it is the Church’s custom to suspend the use of the word “Alleluia,” which means “Praise the Lord.” A tradition has been in place since the fifth century not to use the joyful word “Alleluia” in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent, which is today, until the first service on Easter Sunday. The text of our closing hymn, “Alleluia, Song of Gladness,” dates back to the eleventh century and links us to a millennium of God’s people at worship. We now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the “Alleluia” throughout Lent.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;

**C a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**

**P** a time to break down, and a time to build up;

**C a time to weep, and a time to laugh;**

**P** a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

**C a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.**

**P** As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

**C Alleluia! Amen.**

## **Benediction**

## Closing Hymn

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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