

10:00 AM Worship Celebration — Welcome!

Claiming Time and Space

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song “He Is Exalted” *Worship and Praise, #55*

He is exalted; The King is exalted on high I will praise Him!
He is exalted forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord! Forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth; Rejoice in His holy name!
He is exalted: The King is exalted on high!

Repeat all.

Almighty God, your light and your truth shine from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and help us shine you exalted image into all of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir: “Lord, Here Am I” -- Jay Althouse

Service of the Good Shepherd

The First reading comes from the second chapter of Second Kings.

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.

Now 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody Refrain: Let all the earth cry out to God, cry out to God with joy.
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The Second Reading is from the ninth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

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 out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³And even 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** *The assembly stands.*



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 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.

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.**

Sing "Alleluia as above, then be comfortably seated.

Word for the Day: Pastor Bill Knott

Silence for reflection follows the Word.

Stand as you are able.

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Song of Praise: Great Is The Lord *Worship and Praise #53*

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just. By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true. By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord. Now lift up your voice! Now lift up your voice! Great is the Lord!

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory
Great are You Lord and worthy of praise
Great are You Lord. I lift up my voice! I lift up my voice! Great are You Lord!

Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord!

Prayers

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation. *A brief silence.*

Shining God, reveal yourself. Show us Jesus, that your church may not be misled by false visions of glory. Grant us courage to follow where you lead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shining Son, transfigure the earth. Show us your glory in our kindred creatures, in the beauty of creation, and in those who are committed to the care of this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shining Spirit, stay with us. Bring the dawn of peace to every nation. Illuminate our neighbors' need so that we will see and respond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Father, let light shine out of darkness. Speak to those who look for glimmers of hope: refugees and displaced persons, exiles and immigrants, those who are lonely, and those who are ill (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Christ our light, dazzle us with glory, that we reflect your radiance as we minister in our daily lives. Kindle in us the desire to love and serve all your children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Radiant Spirit, light our pathways, even as you guided those who have gone before us in faith. Bring us, with them, to the full vision of your glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Peace of the Lord

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *Be comfortably seated.*

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands as they are able.



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

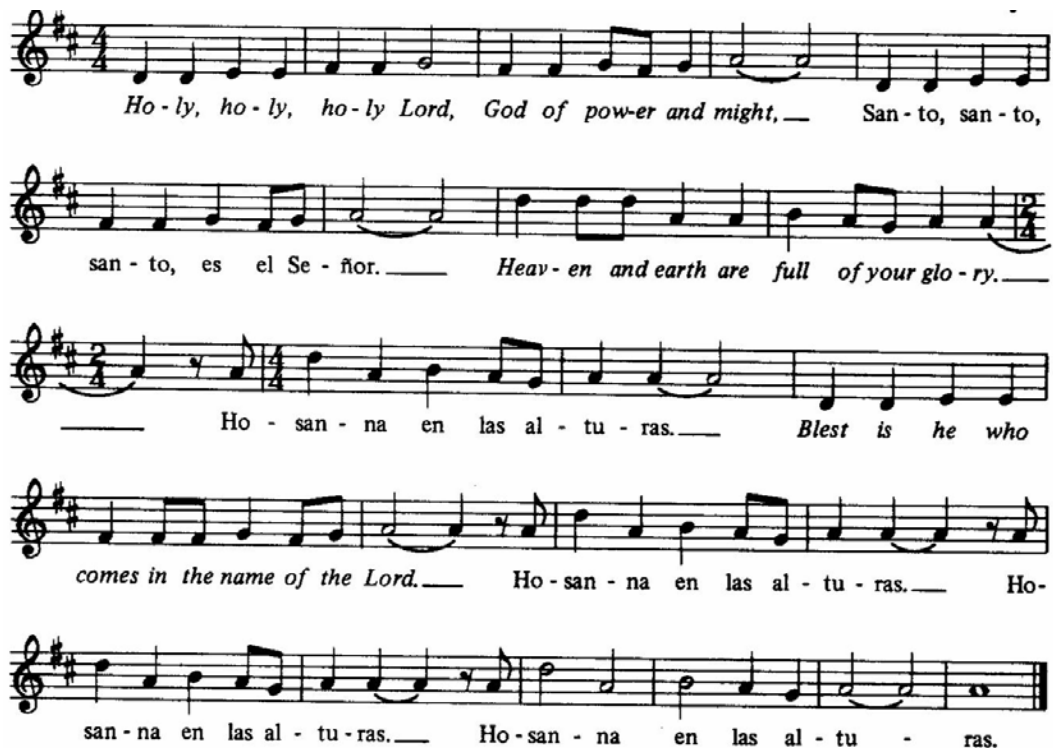
The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, — San - to, san - to,
san - to, es el Se - ñor. — Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. —
— Ho - san - na en las al - tu - ras. — Blest is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na en las al - tu - ras. — Ho -
san - na en las al - tu - ras. — Ho - san - na en las al - tu - ras.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we declare the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer *Please, use your comfortable prayer language and form.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *The bread is broken for the communion.*

All sing: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.**

The assembly is seated and comes forward at the direction of the ushers.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Blessing and Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction



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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



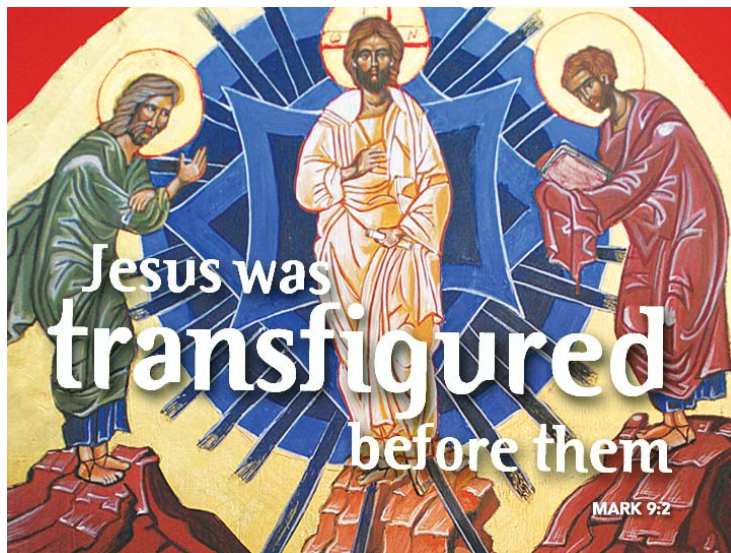
lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Transfiguration: Amazing Then and Now

Imagine what would happen if someone from the days of Jesus were suddenly transported to our present. How would someone accustomed to walking everywhere respond to driving in a car at top speed, let alone flying in a jet? How would someone who spends their life depending on—at best—oil lamps for light respond to electric lights? It is fun to muse at how people might respond, as we reflect on how sophisticated we are.



Now imagine if the scene were reversed. How would someone accustomed to understanding much in the world around them respond to an event as otherworldly as the transfiguration? We understand volcanoes and the northern lights. We can explain lightning and thunder. We know about germs and disease transmission. So what would we do when confronted with something so amazing, awesome, and unexplainable?

The transfiguration is one of those ancient events that still puzzle us. What really happened to Jesus that day? Since we cannot go back to that time, we are left to speculate. We take stabs in the dark and make educated guesses, but at the end of the day we are left with a holy mystery to ponder.

Whatever happened that day, there is a timeless spiritual reality behind the physical details Mark gives us. God sometimes uses extreme and amazing methods to transform us when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. God's spirit transfigured Jesus then. That same Spirit is still transforming people today. We don't have to explain first-century miracles to trust that God's transforming Spirit is timeless and at work within each of us today. We do not have to understand everything to see the beauty of God at work in the world, continually transfiguring us into the people we were created to be.

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