

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

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*“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”*

Prelude

*“Prelude In C”*

Gary Ritter

## INTRODUCTION

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus’ baptism and end with three disciples’ vision of his transfiguration. In Mark’s story of Jesus’ baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus’ three closest friends hear the same words naming him God’s Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus’ face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God’s glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*

Welcome – Announcements

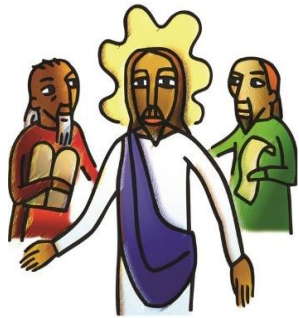
Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy God, ***you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like***



***us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.***

How vast is God’s grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God’s own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God’s forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ’s justice and the Spirit’s reconciling peace. **Amen.**

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.**

Opening Song

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come”*

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First Reading - Barbara West

2 Kings 2:1-12

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>Elijah 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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.” <sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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.” <sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of 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 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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.” <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading – Carol Van Natta

Psalm 50:1-6

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.

*“O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”*

Second Reading – Karen Blair

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading – Ruth Ladage

Mark 9:2-9

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, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Children’s Message

Pam Ensley

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Special Music “Ruth”

Guest soloist Alexandra Martinez-Turano

Nicene Creed – Judy Straub

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***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the***

***Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Prayers of Intercession

Ken & LaDene Mattson

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence*

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

***Have mercy, O God.***

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

***Have mercy, O God.***

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

***Have mercy, O God.***

For all who suffer this day especially those we remember out loud or in our hearts, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

***Have mercy, O God.***

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

***Have mercy, O God.***

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Peace

Madlin Baltzell

*"Amazing Grace"*

Jennifer Rhodes

The Lord's Prayer

Mary Lynn Bartlett

***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.***

*"How Great Is Our God"*

Benediction

Go forth now to be the people of love, peace, justice, and hope that God created you to be. May God Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer guide and support you in all that you do, and give you peace. ***Amen.***

Sending: *"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

***Thanks be to God!***

Valentines Wishes

*Our thanks to this morning's musicians:* Gary Ritter, Pat Hagensen, Judy Swanson, Brooke Danielson, Doug Danielson, Patrick Murphy, Alexandra Martinez-Turano, and Jennifer Rhodes.

Our guest soloist this morning, Alexandra Martinez-Turano, is a 2018 graduate of the Chicago Opera Theater's two-year Young Artist program. She has performed with Sarasota Opera, Chicago Opera Theater, Long Beach Opera, LTD Opera, Opera Southwest, OperaWorks, International Lyric Academy (Viterbo, Italy), Landmark Musicals, University of New Mexico's Opera Theatre and Symphony Orchestra, University of Southern California Opera Theater, La Mirada Symphony and more.

Alexandra is a proud native of Albuquerque, New Mexico and has earned a Bachelors of Music degree from the University of New Mexico, a Masters of Music degree from the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music, and a Professional Diploma in Operatic Studies from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.

She became acquainted with Dane Hagensen while living in Chicago and is currently living with John & Dawn Hagensen in Camas. We're grateful for the opportunity to hear her sing and share her gift with Zion!

Her piece this morning is from the Biblical oratorio "Ruth" written by the French composer, Charles Gounod (1818-1893). Gounod is known for his arrangement of Ave Maria from a keyboard piece by Bach. "*Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee*" reflects the love and loyalty that Ruth shares with her deceased husband's mother, Naomi. Although Naomi encourages her to go back to her people, Ruth is adamant that she will not abandon her mother in law and declares "your people will be my people and your God my God."

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*"Prelude in C"*

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*"Arise, Your Light Has Come"*

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter

*"Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"*

Text: Sarum, tr. John Mason Neale; Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad

*"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"*

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers

*"Ruth"*

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*"Amazing Grace"*

Text: John Newton vs. 1-4, vs. 5 anon.; Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, arr. Edwin O. Excell

*"How Great Is Our God"*

Text: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves; CCLI 4348399

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*"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"*

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