

# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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## Transfiguration of our Lord

**As We Gather** During the Epiphany season we have seen a brief sketch of our Lord's three year ministry of preaching, teaching and healing. Now his face is set toward Jerusalem and he leads us into the Lenten journey toward his cross. As Moses only glimpsed the promised Land from afar, on the Mount of Transfiguration we are given a brief glimpse of Jesus' glory. It is on Mount Calvary, however, this his true glory is seen. We are assured that we share Jesus' glory now by our baptism into his death and resurrection.

### Opening Hymn



Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
What do you want us to see there, That your close com-  
What do you want us to hear there, That your dear dis-  
Take us to that oth - er moun - tain Where we see you



James and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
- pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
- ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glor - i - fied, Where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - ery - one, This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
- tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"

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## Invocation and Opening Verses

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**C: Holy is he!**

P: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

**C: they called the LORD, and he answered them.**

P: O LORD our God, you answered them;

**C: you were a forgiving God to them.**

*Psalm 99:1, 3b, 6a, 8a*

## Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: O God, our Father, we confess to you all our sins, our slowness to learn of Christ, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross. Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Forgive us and renew us that we may take up our cross and follow Christ, our glorious Lord. Amen.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise – “O Savior Precious Savior”

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O Sav-ior, pre-cious Sav-ior, Whom, yet un-seen, we love,  
O Bring-er of sal-va-tion, Who won-drous-ly hast wrought,  
O name of might and fa-vor, All oth-er names a-bove,  
Thy-self the rev-e-la-tion Of love be-yond our thought,  
We wor-ship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor-ship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and con-fess thee, Our ho-ly Lord and King.  
We praise thee and con-fess thee, Our gra-cious Lord and King.

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Musical Selection – Senior Choir**

## ***"This Is My Beloved Son"***

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# **God's Word**

***At his transfiguration Jesus teaches us we are in a good place***

## **Exodus 24:12, 15-18**

***In his glory the LORD reveals his grace***

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction." When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.



## Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."  
Alleluia.

C:

' Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that  
we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## EPISTLE – 2 Peter 1:16-21

### *The power of the Word strengthens us as it did Peter*

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### **Confession of Faith** (The Explanation to the Second Article)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

## Sermon

# A Good Place

Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Hymn – "*Beautiful Savior*"

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## Prayer of the Church

P: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be "changed from glory into glory."

O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ.

**C: Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear; take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

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P: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.

## Children's Lesson

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn – "Shine, Jesus, Shine"



Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the  
Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, From the shad - ows in -  
As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness So our fac - es dis -



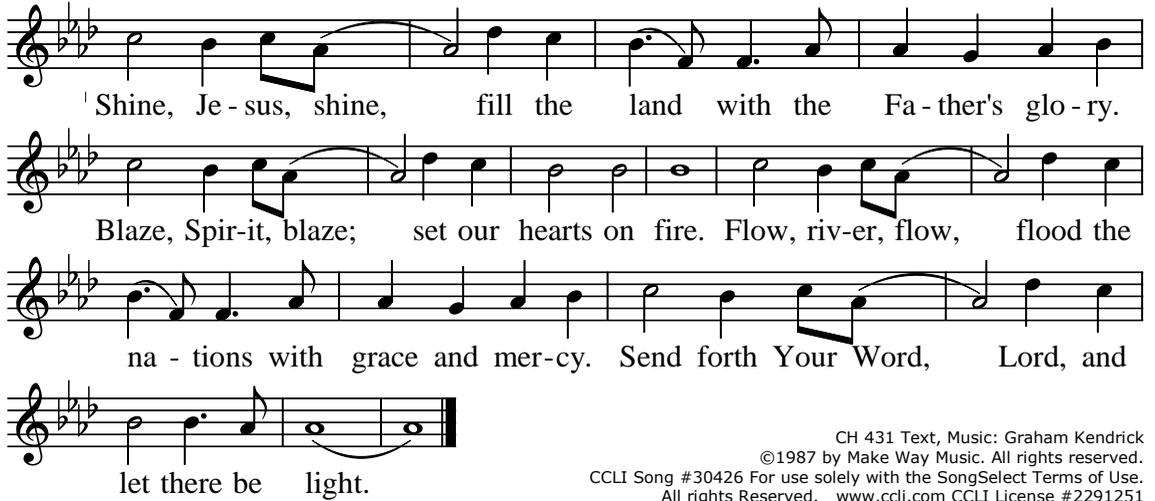
dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
- to Your ra - diance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness;  
- play Your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry;



Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me, Shine on me.  
Search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness; Shine on me, Shine on me.  
Mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry; Shine on me, Shine on me.

**Refrain after each verse on next page.**

**Refrain:**



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill the land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.  
Blaze, Spir-it, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv-er, flow, flood the  
na - tions with grace and mer-cy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and  
let there be light.

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**SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES:** We would appreciate your help in judging the Science Fair Projects this Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Principal Phil Scriver 303-337-3108 [philscriver@corchurch.com](mailto:philscriver@corchurch.com)

**CALL MEETING:** There will be a special voter meeting Sunday, March 12, at 11:45a. This is a Call Meeting regarding plans for our Pre-School teaching position for the coming school year.

***Thank you to all our volunteers for their care and commitment. Every week help is needed with the following:***

Ushers  
Sunday School Teachers  
Outreach  
Greeters  
Kitchen Group  
Cleaners for School

Altar  
Music: Organists/Choirs  
Taping Our Service  
Counters  
Cleaners for Church  
Nursery

***If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please contact the church office [christredeemer@corchurch.com](mailto:christredeemer@corchurch.com) 303-337-0025***

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at 7p

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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