

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, that his true glory is seen. We are assured that we share Jesus' glory now by our baptism into his death and resurrection.

Opening Hymn – "Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"

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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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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 – COR Choir

"This Is My Beloved Son"

Pepper Choplin, based on Hebrews 1:1-10 and Matthew 17:1-8 ©2006 Lorenz Publishing Company

"This is my Son,
whom I love.
Listen to him!"



God's Word

Getting to know Jesus – by his glory

2 Kings 2:1, 5-12a

The glory of the ministry

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours--otherwise not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

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!

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
The glory of the gospel

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Confession of Faith

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 Hymn – "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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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 - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
- tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"

Jesus Teaches Us About Life

Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen 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.

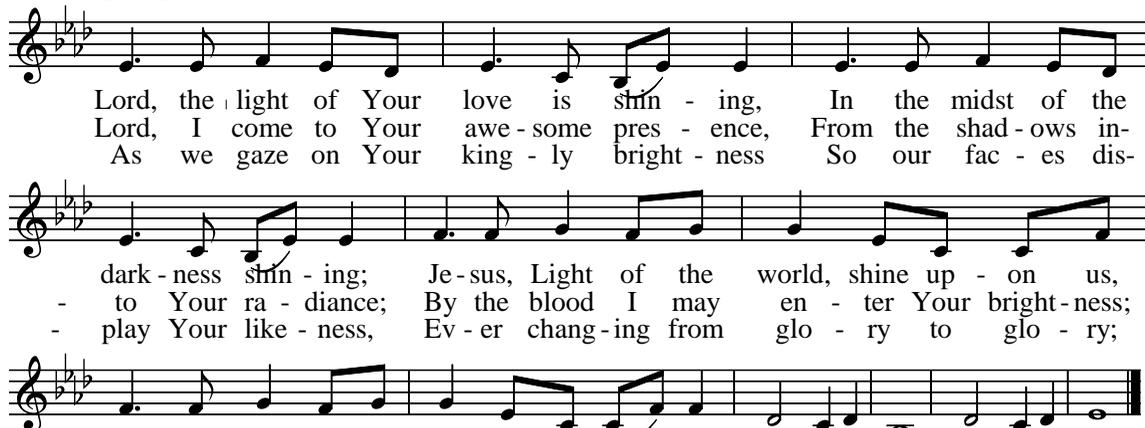
Children's Lesson

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. Amen.

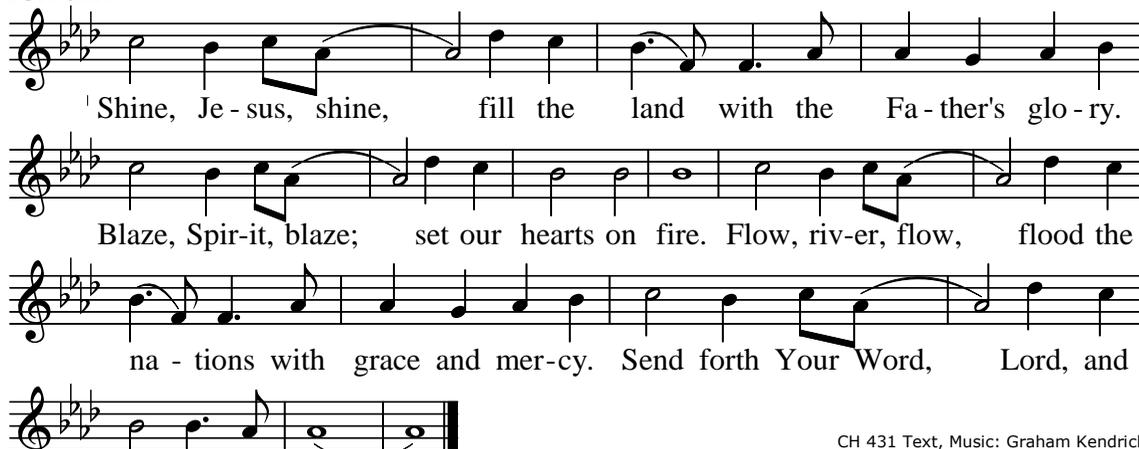
Closing Hymn – "Shine, Jesus, Shine"



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:



' 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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- 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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