



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Transfiguration
of Our Lord
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As We Gather

During Epiphany we see a brief sketch of our Lord's three-year ministry of preaching, teaching and healing. Now his face is set toward Jerusalem as 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 baptism into his death and resurrection.

Opening Hymn

CW 95

"How Good Lord to Be Here"

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.

Response

CW 369 vv 1-2

"Beautiful Savior"

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**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

COR Junior Choir

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

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The congregation will join the refrain on verses 2 and 3 as directed



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.

God's Word

Jesus is revealed as the Lord of glory

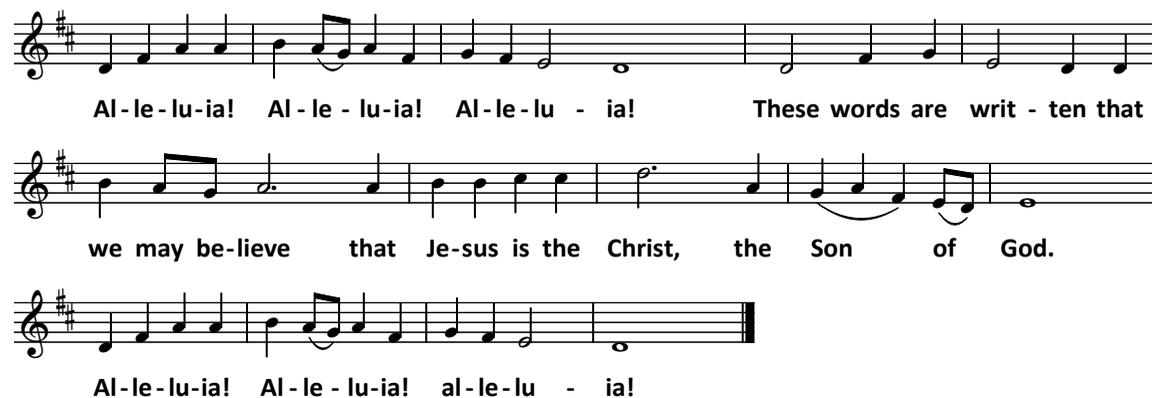
Hebrews 3:1-6 – *We are part of God's house*

¹ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house

has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Verse of the Day

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



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!

Luke 9:28-36 – *Eavesdropping on eternity*

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH — *(The Meaning of 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.

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
We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -
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!"
- cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,
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 -
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,
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!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

SERMON – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Standing on the Edge of Life and Death

Life flashes before our eyes

¹ Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.

Death flashes before our eyes

⁵ And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. ⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded

The future flashes before our eyes

¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Response – “Beautiful Savior”

CW 369 vv 3-4

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Sun of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!**

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

The Lord's Supper

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

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

Words from the Upper Room

Come Share the Lord



We gath - er here in Je - sus' name; His love is
He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who
We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the



burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame, For thro' the
pours the cup is ris - en from the dead. The one we
glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King. Now we an -



lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther makes us one:
love the most Is now our gra - cious host:
- tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:



Come, take the bread; come drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

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Reception and Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for nourishing me in this Sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live to your praise and glory.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us; his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia When we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The Church historically has omitted the word “Alleluia”, which means “praise the Lord,” during Lent. We do this out of respect for Jesus’ passion and in anticipation of his resurrection.

COR Choir – “Farewell to Alleluia”

By Robert Buckley Farlee ©Augsburg Fortress

Please join in as directed

Alleluia, alleluia, Enclose and seal up the word, alleluia, alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart, alleluia, alleluia, until the appointed time. You shall say it with great joy when that day comes. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem Ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.



Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
May our hymns be filled with long - ing - hear us, Ho - ly
pure ac - cord. With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty - As we look to your blest Eas - ter,
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored. And with all his
Make us for a while fore - go; For the so - lemn
here and then e - ter - nal - ly. When we shall once
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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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 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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