

Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 2, 2025

PRELUDE:

“Scherzetto”
~Jill Fedon

Crescendo Bells

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Verse 1

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy holy holy Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Bridge

And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down

Verse 3

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
P: **Almighty God, cultivate in us hearts like Your own and transform our daily routines that our lives might reveal You.**

- L:** God of Moses, You reveal Yourself to all nations in wonders and with mighty deeds; and You guide Your people with a strong hand and outstretched arm.
- P:** **Lead us and shine Your light through the compassion and mercy we have for others, even as we have received mercy and compassion from You.**
- L:** God of Elijah, You care for us in our deepest of pain and when we fear things are too big to handle.
- P:** **Reveal Yourself to others through our concern for them in time of need or crisis.**
- L:** God of Peter, James and John, You call Your own to follow You and grant them vision to see You as You are.
- P:** **In Jesus, His Word of promise and gifts of grace through water, wine and bread we have beheld Your glory. Now may we hear Your voice declaring us to be nothing less than Your beloved children, O God Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.**
- L:** Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L:** Almighty God, You invite us to come to You and You call us to follow in Your way.
- P:** **Yet, we confess, that by nature we are turned in on ourselves and are quick to cling to our comfort and keep for ourselves that which You intend us to go and share. Forgive us Lord for the times we've clouded Your gifts freely given with our apathy or hypocrisy, with hearts filled with judgment or attitudes that are arrogant.**
For the sake of Christ Jesus, who reveals Your life, light and Your love, take away the guilt of our sin and send us who have beheld Your goodness and glory to a world in desperate need of the same. Amen.
- L:** Hear now the voice of heaven; God has made His glory clear to see in Christ and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Amen!
 Behold Him!
 Listen to Him!
 Reveal Him!
- P:** **Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of Your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by Your will. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up on Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab. He went to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. The Lord showed him the whole land. He could see Gilead as far as Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the territory of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev, and the Jordan Plain—the valley of Jericho (the City of Palms)—as far as Zoar.

Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised with an oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I said I would give it to their descendants. I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you may not go there.”

As the Lord had predicted, the Lord’s servant Moses died in Moab. He was buried in a valley in Moab, near Beth Peor. Even today no one knows where his grave is.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight never became poor, and he never lost his physical strength. The Israelites mourned for Moses in the plains of Moab for 30 days. Then the time of mourning for him was over.

Joshua, son of Nun, was filled with the Spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him. The Israelites obeyed him and did what the Lord had commanded through Moses.

There has never been another prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord dealt with face to face. He was the one the Lord sent to do all the miraculous signs and amazing things in Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his officials, and to his whole country. Moses used his mighty hand to do all the spectacular and awe-inspiring deeds that were seen by all the Israelites. — GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Bethany Choir

~ arr. Matthew J. Armstrong

EPISTLE: Hebrews 3:1-6

Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling. So look carefully at Jesus, the apostle and chief priest about whom we make our declaration of faith. Jesus is faithful to God, who appointed Him, in the same way that Moses was faithful when He served in God’s house. Jesus deserves more praise than Moses in the same way that the builder of a house is praised more than the house. After all, every house has a builder, but the builder of everything is God.

Moses was a faithful servant in God’s household. He told the people what God would say in the future. But Christ is a faithful son in charge of God’s household. We are His household if we continue to have courage and to be proud of the confidence we have.— GW®

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after He had said this, Jesus took Peter, John, and James with Him and went up a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly, both Moses and Elijah were talking with

Him. They appeared in heavenly glory and were discussing Jesus' approaching death and what He was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Peter and the men with him were sleeping soundly. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with Him. As Moses and Elijah were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it's good that we're here. Let's put up three tents—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter didn't know what he was saying.

While he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them. They were frightened as they went into the cloud. A voice came out of the cloud and said, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to Him!"

After the voice had spoken, they saw that Jesus was alone. The disciples said nothing, and for some time they told no one about what they had seen.— GW®

SERMON SONG: "Living for Your Glory"

Verse 1

What good is it to gain the whole world
But lose your soul
What good is it to make a sweet sound
But remain proud
In view of God's mercy
I offer my all

Chorus

And take my life
Let it be ev'rything
All of me here I am
Use me for Your glory
In ev'rything I say and do
Let my life honor You
Here I am living for Your glory

Verse 2

The road I'm on it leads nowhere
Without You
And the life I live it finds meaning
In surrender
In view of God's mercy
I offer my all

Bridge

(I'm) Seeking first the Kingdom
(I'm) Seeking first the Kingdom of my Lord
Seeking first the Kingdom
Seeking first the Kingdom of my Lord

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: “10,000 Reasons”

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

- L:** Hail, O Source of every blessing, to You now our offerings bring. In Your temples find Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
- P:** **May we, body, soul, and spirit, live devoted to Your praise, Glorious realms of bliss inherit, grateful anthems ever raise.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(*catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- L:** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world and those in need.

Brief silence

- L:** Embolden Your church as it reveals the majesty and mercy of Your Son. Lord in Your Mercy,
- P:** **Hear our prayer.**
- L:** Gathered into Your body O Christ, empower us with Your Spirit to share our stories and witness of Your goodness, grace and glory. Lord in Your Mercy,
- P:** **Hear our prayer**

L: Give shelter to those who lack housing. Protect those who dwell in danger. Accompany those who live alone or in isolation from caring connections. Lord in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer**

L: Continue to reveal Yourself to us in splendor and strength; and enlighten and encourage us to follow You all the days of our lives. Lord in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer**

L: Receive our thanks for those who have borne witness to You in our lives and have guided us in faithfulness. Receive our pleas for those who are hurting in mind or body or spirit. (especially) Grant them what they need. Receive our praises for the blessings given to those dear to us. (especially) Lord in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer**

L: Into Your hands of Lord we commend all for whom we prayer, trusting in Your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

In our 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS: "Come As You Are"

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Ending

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”**Chorus**

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

POST COMMUNION PRAYER**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BENEDICTION:

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

P: **The Lord bless us, keep us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; *Refrain*

Ref. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” *Refrain*

POSTLUDE

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

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| Acolyte 9:30...Emilee Torres | Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle |
| Lector 8:00...Chris Cale | Lector 9:30...Nola Seaman |
| Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer | Lector 11:00...Les Friend |
| Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman | Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake |
| Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley | Accompanist...Kevin Bowers |
| Crescendo Bells Director...Sara Cerulle | Keyboard...Pat Gagan |
| | Children's Message...Sam Morgenstern |

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Mid-Week Lenten Worship: "The Prophet & the palate"

In both prophetic utterance and descriptive reflection The Prophet, Isaiah, employs meal metaphors when speaking of the rebellion of the Lord's people and the redemption and deliverance He has worked on their (our) behalf. So that we might again taste and see the goodness of the Lord, this Lent we will gather together, connect over a meal and conversation, and hear the Word of the Lord through the mouth of Isaiah:
The Prophet & the palate.

Wednesday Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

March 12 - "Good Grapes Planted...bad fruit yielded" - Isaiah 5:1-7

March 19 - "The False Fast vs. Factual Fasting" - Isaiah 42:10-21

March 26 - "THE Death Eater" - Isaiah 25:1-7

April 2 - "The Menu: wine, milk and bread" - Isaiah 55:1-7

April 9 - "Belly Up to the Well of Salvation" - Isaiah 12:1-6