



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, March 2nd

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

arr. Jason Payne

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,

C: **we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun.**

P: There prepare us for the night

C: **by the vision of that sight.**

P: What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?

C: **Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word:**

P: “Listen, listen, everyone,

C: **This is My beloved Son!”**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Moment of Silent Confession

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

C: **God of mercy and forgiveness, God of revelation and promise, we confess that we are burdened with sin—sin that consumes, unravels, deceives, and stifles faith. Enable us by Your Word to increase our willingness to bear our crosses, resist temptation, and follow You alone! In our journey, let us continually wage war against Satan and adversaries who would seek to eclipse Your glory. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Behold Moses, from the tribe of Levi, prophet of Yahweh, and yet a sinner and thus denied access into the Promised Land.

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

P: Behold Elijah, a mighty prophet, judge of Israel, and yet a wounded sinner, hungry, afraid, and depressed.

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

P: Behold Peter, James, and John, bold confessors, preachers, disciples, witnesses, and sinners.

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.

P: And behold Jesus, the transfigured Son of God, the source of all comfort, defender against adversity, and fountain of grace.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “O Savior of Our Fallen Race”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

arr. Rene Clauson

Children’s Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 3:1-6 [ESV]

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE

R: Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

C: Grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 [ESV]

R: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

HYMN “Beautiful Savior”

SERMON “TRANSFIGURATION”

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Raney

Piano Duet

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Fairest Lord Jesus *with Beethoven’s Pathetique Sonata*”

Piano

arr. Walters

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

FAREWELL to ALLELUIA and BENEDICTION

P: This week with Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it is the Church's custom to suspend the use of the word "Alleluia," which means "Praise the Lord." A tradition has been in place since the fifth century not to use the joyful word "Alleluia" in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent, which is today, until the first service on Easter Sunday. The text of our closing hymn, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," dates back to the eleventh century and links us to a millennium of God's people at worship. We now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the "Alleluia" throughout Lent.

P: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

C: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

P: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

C: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

P: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

C: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

P: As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

POSTLUDE

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

arr. Mayo

Piano



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