

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Welcome to Gethsemane

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the World You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
King of all days oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,
3 o - pened my eyes, let me see
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove
5 beau - ty that made this the heart a - dore You,
hum - bly You came to the Earth You cre - at - ed,
7 hope of a life - spent with You. Here I am to
all for love's sake be - came poor.
10 wor - ship here I am to bow down here I am to
12 say that You're my God You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er
15 wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Señor, Señor, ten piedad

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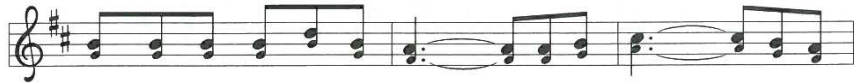
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Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
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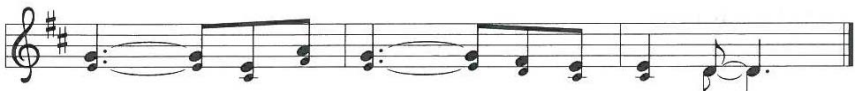
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PRAYER

READING

Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE

Santo, Santo, Santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir; San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

La paz del Señor sea con todos vosotros. **Y también con usted.**

OFFERING

Transfiguration

S. Stevens

HOLY COMMUNION

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND HEALING

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Communion is served at front and back stations of the church.

Pick up a clay cup found in the front pews of each section.

Receive the bread and wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Those not communing are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Prayers for healing for yourself or on behalf of others is at the white kneeler near the pulpit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

Shortly after his transfiguration, our Lord set his face to go to Jerusalem, where he would spend the last days of his life prior to his crucifixion. This day marks the end of the Epiphany season, and on Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, meditation, repentance, and prayer. Part of our observance of Lent includes "giving up" the word "Alleluia" in our worship until the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Let us now set our faces also toward Jerusalem.

Go in peace, engaged by God. Thanks be to God.

SONG

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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Worship Leaders

The entire congregation

Pastor Sarah Moat, Preaching

Pastor John D. F. Nelson, Presiding

Angie Roesner, Assisting Minister

Deborah Heltzer, Lector

Joshua James, guest soloist

Paul McKenzie, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Guest soloist, **Joshua James** grew up on the North Shore where he began playing guitar at the age of 10 and had his first student at the age of 15. He is an alumni of Augsburg College and McNally Smith College of music. Joshua is the grandson of Gethsemane member Claren Perkins and was baptized at the church in the 1985. Josh is a full-time artist and recently began teaching guitar at Gethsemane. Contact him today for lessons.

Faith in Daily Life *How the scriptures speak to your faith and life.*

1. In the Transfiguration story **Jesus comes down** off of the mountain. At Christmas time **he came down** and at Easter **he will come down off** of the cross. How does it feel to have a God who insists on coming down to participate in our life on earth?
2. Peter, James, and John saw light on the mountain top when they were there with Jesus. Where do you see or experience the light of Christ?
3. Jesus needed to drag his friends up the mountain to get their attention. How does Jesus get your attention?
4. Where are the dark places in your life, right now, that most need to see the light of Christ?
5. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered his disciples to tell no one about what they had seen, for his time was not at hand. Is it easier for you to keep silent about what you know to be true about Jesus or to tell people about your faith? Why?

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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



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have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



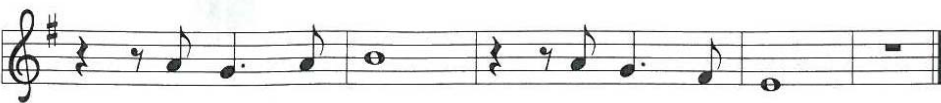
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da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



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