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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER— *There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: "We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16b–18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"In Faith Abiding"

by Janet Rand

WELCOME

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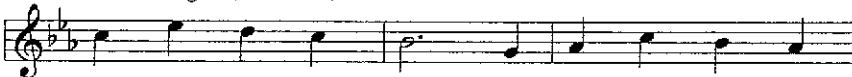
♩OPENING HYMN

Tis Good Lord, to Be Here

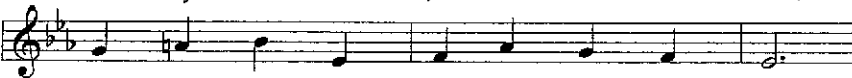
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1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 30:15, 18, 29

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**
- P** *For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,*
- C** **“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”**
- P** *Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.*
- C** **For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.**
- P** *You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept,*
- C** **and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.*
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** *We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.*
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** *We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.*
- C** **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** *Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

- P** *Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!*
- Women:** **The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- Men:** **The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.**
- Women:** **Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!**
- Men:** **The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- P** *Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!*
- All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** *Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1–12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

All: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

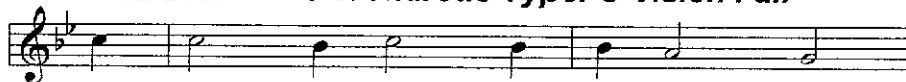
P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.* **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

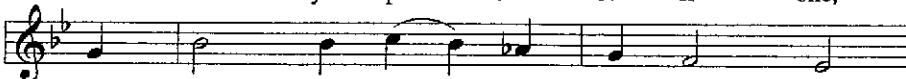
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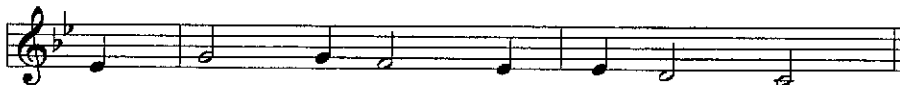
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
Who joy in God with per - fect love.
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

Amen.
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SERMON

"THE BARE-FACED TRUTH"

2 Cor. 3:12-18

- I. In sin, we try to veil ourselves, hiding our faults from God and others.
- II. Christ has lifted our veil to reveal our salvation in God's grace.

✠ APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [especially...] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

C **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.**

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7

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. 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.**

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

P *Let us bless the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

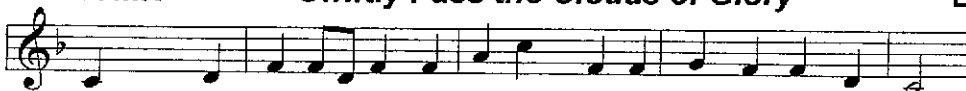
P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

C **Amen.**

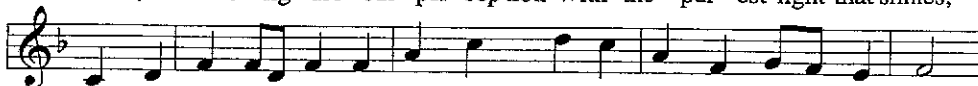
CLOSING HYMN

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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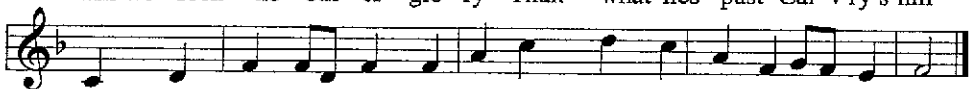
1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - ception With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe-ter, James, and John fall si-lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav-ior Through the val - ley to the cross
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Cyndi Bludnick*]

POSTLUDE

"March Triumphant"

by Ellen Jane Lorenz

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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