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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God's Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His "departure," as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His "house," the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, "the LORD our God is holy!"*

PRESERVICE MUSIC "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" by Carol Tornquist

WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy - less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:34; Psalm 99:9

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**
- P** *Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.*
- C** **And we are His house.**
- P** *"This is My Son, My Chosen One;*
- C** **listen to Him!"**
- P** *Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;*
- C** **for the LORD our God is holy!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

- P** *Almighty God, Merciful Father,*
- C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us for our spiritual blindness, and renew our faith in You alone.**
- P** *Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

KYRIE

- P** *For peace, despite our past mistakes,*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy on us.**
- P** *For peace to hear God speaking to us in this time of worship,*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy on us.**
- P** *For peace that we may be living stones in God's house,*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace today and always. Amen.**

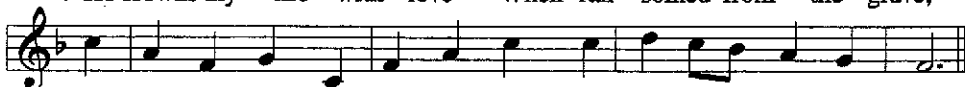
INTROIT

Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4

- P** *Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,*
- C** **ever singing your praise!**
- P** *How lovely is your dwelling place,*
- C** **O LORD of hosts!**
- P** *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;*
- C** **my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
- P** *Behold our shield, O God;*
- C** **look on the face of your anointed!**
- P** *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.*
- C** **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- 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** *Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,*
- C** **ever singing your praise!**



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5. He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the sufferers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.
6. His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His beloved Son.

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

G *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 foreshadowed 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

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1–6

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G *Thanks be to God.*

ALLELUIA VERSE

Psalms 45:2a

All: Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

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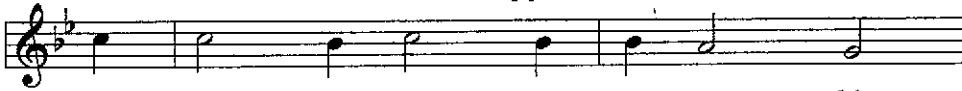
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

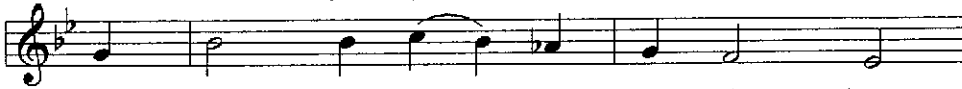
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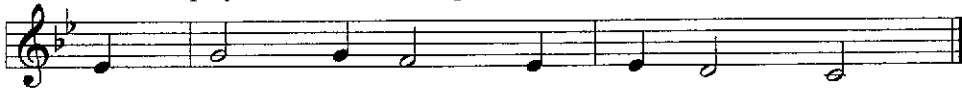
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - na - tion 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

"A TALE OF THREE MOUNTAIN"

Luke 9:28-36

- I. In our readings for today we hear of Mt. Nebo and the Mount of Transfiguration.
- II. Connecting the two is a third mountain, Mt. Calvary, where Jesus was crucified.

♪ 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.

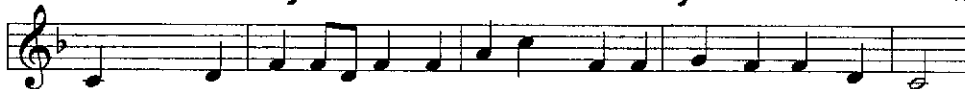
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"Be Thou My Vision"

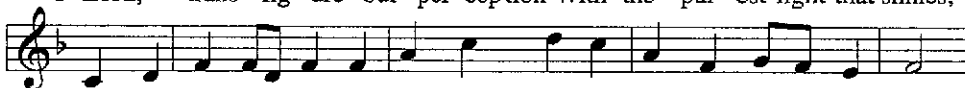
♪ OFFERTORY

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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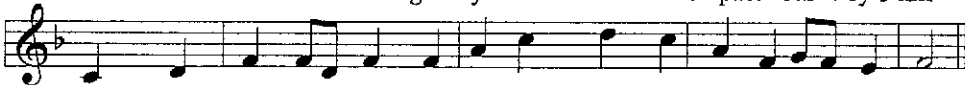
1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various needs.*

Moses was the leader of God's people as they sojourned from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. O Holy Spirit, raise up people to govern their nation freely and justly. Give them courage to enact laws that protect all who live within their borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *The Israelites had to deal with the tribes already in the Promised Land. Around the world today, good Lord, guide and protect firefighters, first responders, and all those who go in harm's way in their communities. Accompany and protect armed forces deployed across the globe wherever nations are in conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *The three disciples on the mountain "were heavy with sleep." Surround people who are tired, poor, sick, or lonely with faith-filled medical personnel, friends, and family who seek to meet their needs. We pray especially for those near and dear to us, [including . . .]. Use us as part of Your answers to their prayers, heavenly Father, to bring about strength, health, security, and companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Lord Jesus, You accompanied the disciples as they returned to the others. Be among Your Church as it gathers anywhere around Word and Sacrament. Bless Your Church and give Your people courage and opportunity to spread the news of Your death for our sins and Your resurrection on the third day for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Into Your gracious hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, 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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.**

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

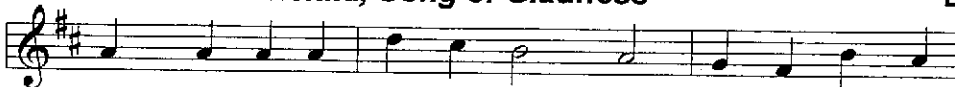
Luke 9:36

P *Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disciples "kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen." Because we know about our Lord's resurrection, we cannot keep silent, but during the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.*

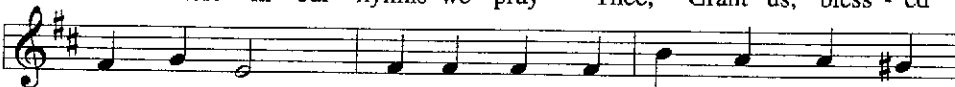
CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter

(continued)



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin, c. 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; Tune: John Goss, 1800-80; Text and tune: Public domain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Exaltation"

by Reginald Martin

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

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 Altar Guild Marilyn Kettner & Beth Tevah
 Coffee Hosts Ken & Carolyn Meritt (from University Hills)
 Counters..... Brian Albee & Valerie Klein
 Elder on Duty Tony Williams
 Greeter Lisa Axford
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Special Music: Handbells; Beth Buss, Director
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
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