

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 27, 2022

*GATHERING - The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for the Ash Wednesday Service, Mar 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 6, we welcome Assistant to the Bishop Adam Snook to share God's Word for the day. The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, March 6, 2022, immediately following the 10am Worship Service.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

### GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG EvLW # 314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.



## **SECOND READING**

### **2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away.

But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ.

Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord who is the Spirit makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

## **GOSPEL**

### **Luke 9:21-36**

Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was. "The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels. I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God."

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

## SERMON

### A LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION

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Jesus, we have seen your majesty **and we are captivated**  
By the light of your face, shining like the sun **and your clothes, dazzling white.**  
You are more important than all who came before or after you: **more than Moses, or Elijah;**  
More than any prophet, priest, or king; **more than any pastor, politician, or world leader.**  
In you every message is confirmed **every message of hope,**  
every message of peace, **every message of reconciliation**  
The identity and character of God **made known in the Son:**  
reckless forgiveness, **radical Love.**  
We will look to you. **We will live by your light**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

EvLW # 315 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here! your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

### PRAYER

*The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

*Trusting God's word and promises, we pray in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ Jesus, making our "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings" (1 Timothy 2:1) for the sake of all creation. In singing and silence, in stillness and sighing, when lifting our hands or lighting a candle, we pray.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Make peace prevail, especially between Russia and Ukraine. Strengthen leaders of governments, community non-profits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**Heal those who are in distress especially Lloyd, Ken, Josh, Jordon, Ferolyn, Elethia, Daryl, Carol and those we name in our hearts. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, in Jesus Christ you know the spirits that have clouded our minds and set us against ourselves during this time of pandemic. Comfort those who are torn by conflict, cast down, or lost in worlds of illusion. By your power, drive from us the powers that shake confidence and shatter love. Tame unruly forces within us, and bring us to your truth, so that we may know peace and accept ourselves as your beloved children in Jesus Christ.

**Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, hear our prayer.

**Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

#### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*Through prayer the Spirit draws us more deeply into the beauty and the suffering of the world. Following a song and a final time of silence we are sent, with Christ, to enter more fully into God's love for and work in the world. This is our prayer "without ceasing"*

## BLESSING

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

EvLW # 671 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

### *Refrain*

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word. Lord, and let there be light

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain.*
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain.*

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Feb 28	Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a
Tuesday	Mar 01	Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33
Wednesday	Mar 02	Psalm 51; 2 Cor.5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday	Mar 03	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34
Friday	Mar 04	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42
Saturday	Mar 05	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36
Sunday	Mar 06	Deut. 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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