

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Divine Worship Service

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oberlin, Ohio

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Prelude:

Welcome:

Opening Hymn:

“Lift High the Cross”

(LSB # 837, st. 1-3, 6; © Hope Publishing Co., 1974)

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. **Refrain.**
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring rank combine. **Refrain.**
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on the brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain.**
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the crucified for victory! **Refrain.**

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son+ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

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 personal self-examination.)

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

C: **Most merciful God, 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. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

Psalm:

Psalm 2:6-12

P: “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

C: **I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C: **And the ends of the earth your possession.**

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron

C: **And dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C: **Be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

P: Serve the LORD with fear,

C: **And rejoice with trembling.**

P: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

C: **Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

Kyrie: (sung) (LSB p. 152-153)

P: In peace let us prayer to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis: (sung) (LSB p. 154)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect: (sung) (LSB p. 156)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. [The Collect of the Day is prayed.]

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:27-35

²⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."²⁸ So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them.³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: (Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8)

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!

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.¹⁷ 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,^[i] with whom I am well pleased,"¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Spirit.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: (stand and sing) (LSB p. 156)
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th Chapter. (LSB p. 157)

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son,^[a] with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostle's Creed:

**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 thence 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.**

Children's Message:

Sermon Hymn

"Tis Good, Lord, to be Here" (LSB # 414)

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Sermon:

"Listening Matters"

Offertory:

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB # 781, st. 1-2)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Offering:

*(Our tithes and offerings are brought forward from the Narthex
and placed before the LORD on His altar.)*

Prayer of the Church:

(Each petition of the prayers concludes with the response:)

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Preface:

(sung)

(LSB p. 160)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...

...Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus:

(sung)

(LSB p. 161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P: Almighty God, You have said that whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup...

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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.

Words of Institution:

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My +body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my +blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini:

(sung)

(LSB p. 163)

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

C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei:

(sung)

(LSB p. 163)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

First Communion Hymn

"Christ Be My Leader"

(LSB # 861; © Hope Publishing, 1992)

1. Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for He is the Way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the Truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the Life.
Darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Second Communion Hymn “Beautiful Savior” (*LSB # 537*)

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Third Communion Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
(*LSB # 802*)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life Thou givest--to both great and small--
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish--but naught changes Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

Post-Communion Canticle: (*sung*) (*LSB p. 164*)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect: (*sung*) (*LSB p. 166*)

P: Let us pray....
...one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Benediction: (*sung*) (*LSB p. 166*)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give+ you peace.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

(LSB # 417)

1. Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee.
But by Babylon’s sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while for-go;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

Postlude:



*“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”*

Matthew 17:5

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