



Transfiguration Of Our Lord

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10:00am

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Introduction

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned

away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy

name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

* THE GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

The First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 2

- ¹Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- ²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s Anointed
- ³“Let us break their yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”
- ⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me,
“You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of
wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

The Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page #151a)

**C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life. Alleluia.**

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Beautiful Savior

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THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

Merciful God
Receive our prayer

*** THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful
power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 152**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*** THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*** THE 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.

* **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

page 154

THE DISTRIBUTION

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod

+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

***THE SENDING SONG: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815**

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus..
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: February 19, 2023

Communion Assistant: Lynn Haab

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Ushers: Chris Rodig & Steve Anderson

Musician: Michelle Foster

Serving Next Week: February 26, 2023

Acolyte: Addison Lee

Lector: Bonnie Mazza

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Ferol Howell

Musician: Michelle Foster

Offering Envelopes



OUR OFFERING ENVELOPE supplier advises it has a very big backlog of 2023 orders. They do not expect to ship our envelopes until February. Until they are received, you can either mail a check to the Church or use one of the blank envelopes in the pew racks on Sundays just be sure to write your name on the envelope.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: If you want a financial statement of your Church donations for yearend 2022, you can email me at htelctreasurer@gmail.com, call me at (609)726-0292 or see me on Sundays in Church. Thanks, Hank Bariexca



EASTER LILY DEDICATION: If you are interested in purchasing a Easter Lily in honor of a loved one, we will have a sign up sheet out starting next week, February 26. We are asking that you pay for the Lilies at the time you sign up. The cost is \$20 per Lily



FASTNACHT: Tuesday, February 21st. 6-8pm
If you have a talent you would like to share or would like to help us prepare the pancakes, please see the signup sheet on the main bulletin board.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 22nd at 7pm.



VBS PLANNING: Sunday, February 26th immediately following the worship service. We need new ideas and new members to help us bring back this wonderful ministry this summer.



SOUP SUPPER: Wednesday, March 1st, 6-8pm. Please come out and join us at 6pm for a time of soup and fellowship, followed by our first midweek Lenten service at 7pm.



CHURCH CLEANUP: March 18, 10am-2pm. We need all hands on deck as we prepare for the Easter and summer seasons. Service hours are available for any young person who needs them for school.



CHURCH COUNCIL: Meets the third Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on February 20 at 7pm. These meeting are open to anyone who would like to attend. Council still has one year term openings, if you are interested please reach out to Bonnie Mazza.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Our midweek Lenten Services will begin on March 1st with our Soup Supper. (please see above) They will continue on March 8, 15, 22 & 29. at 7pm.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: Palm Sunday, April 2, at 10am. Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm. Good Friday, April 7 at 7pm and Easter Sunday at 10am.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.. **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Burlington Twp, NJ**

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next service will be on Tuesday February 28 @7:00pm

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please join us immediately following worship in the Social hall for refreshments and fellowship. We are looking for dessert type items, if you would like to help out please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are so glad you worshipped with us today.

Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.

If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters or any of our wonderful members.