

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 14, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

M.McDonald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's mercy and grace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the brokenness that binds us.**

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.**

Amen.

How vast is God's amazing grace!

Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away, and we are truly forgiven.

And now as God's beloved children,
 let us live out Christ's justice and mercy,
 and share with the world, God's reconciling peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from 2 Kings

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching

and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.
(2 Kings 2:1-12)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6 (Read Responsively)

- ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**
- ³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**
- ⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

A Reading from 2 Corinthians

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
(2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

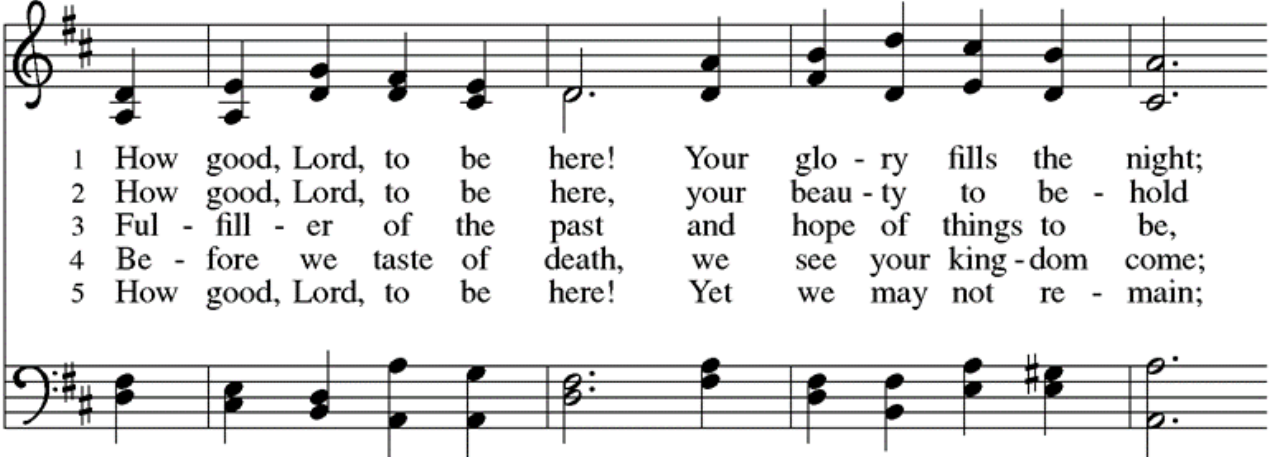
²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (Mark 9:2-9)

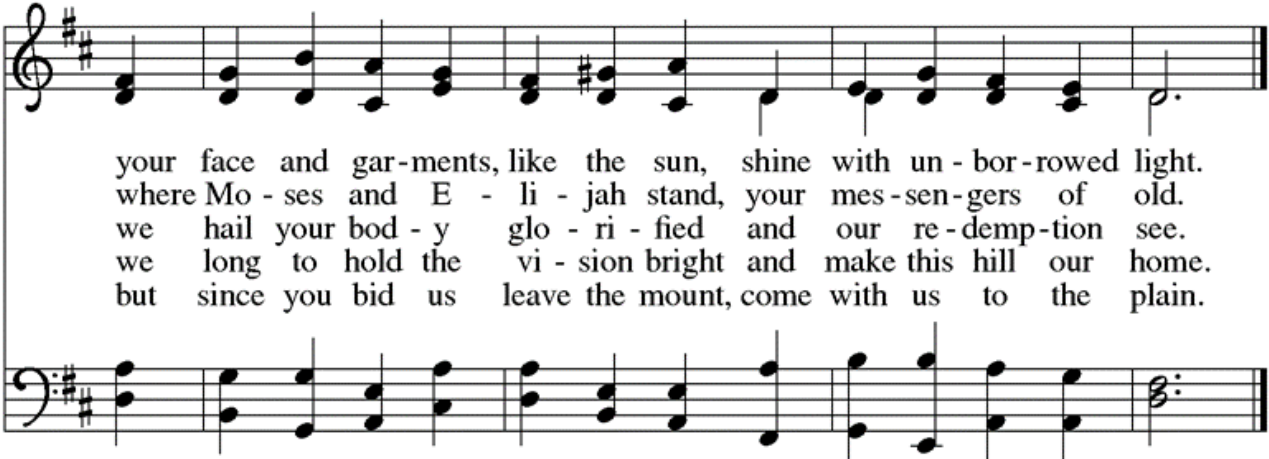
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “How good, Lord, to be here”



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church,
the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day (*especially everyone on our prayer list*), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

[The Pastor concludes:]

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ is here in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine.
Come and be fed.

[INSTRUCTIONS

The Sacrament will be distributed by the Pastor and the Communion Assistant while the congregation is seated.

If a person wishes to receive a bread wafer, he/she will extend a hand. The Pastor will use small stainless-steel tongs to pick up the wafer and drop it into the person's hand. The person will then pull up his/her face mask and place the wafer in his/her mouth. After the wafer has been received, the Pastor will proceed to the next person in the pew.

When the Pastor has returned to the center aisle, the Communion Assistant will go up the same vacant pew until he/she comes to the next person. If this person wishes to receive a cup of wine, he/she will extend a hand. The Communion Assistant will allow the person to pick up a cup from the tray. He/she will then pull up his/her face mask and drink from the cup.

If someone seeks a blessing instead of the Sacrament, the Pastor will give a blessing without making any physical contact.

Empty cups should be placed in the plastic bags found in the pews. These bags will be removed from the pews once the service has ended.]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, at this table we have been fed with your very body and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this feast nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

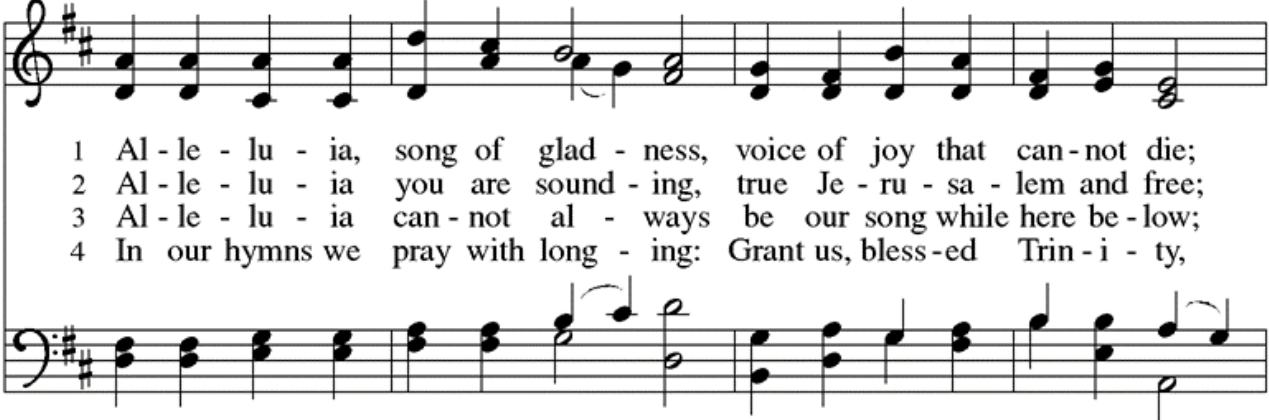
Amen.

SENDING

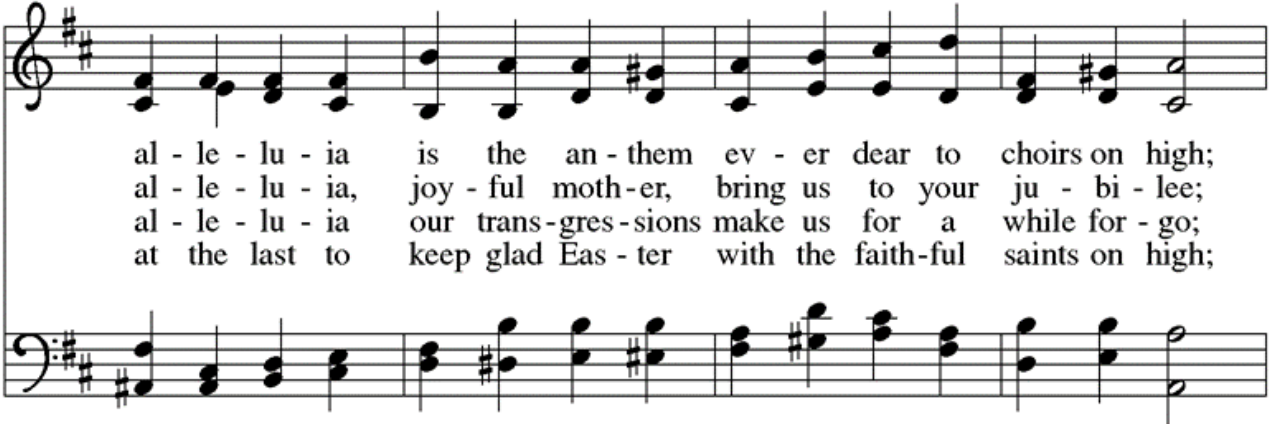
BLESSING

May Almighty God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:**“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”**


1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**"The Lord Is My Light"**

F. Allitsen

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Altar Flowers are presented in honor and memory of loved ones, by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel.

Chancel Flowers are presented in memory of loved ones, by Diane Brobst.

Bulletins are dedicated to everyone at St. Paul's from Barb Sterner.

Happy Valentine's Day!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (2/14/21)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: TBA; GREETER: Krista Harding

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Chris Long; GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Karen Travor;

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: TBA

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (2/21/21)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Deb Moyer; GREETER: Krista Harding

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Gwen Wehr; GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Juli Schenck

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter;

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY OUR FOOD PANTRY

February is St. Paul's month to provide volunteers for the Orwigsburg Food Pantry opening. Packers will be needed for Friday evening, February 19, beginning at 6:00 PM. The Penn State Girls' Basketball Team may also provide volunteers for this work, but that is not guaranteed. People who are 18 years old and older and who can lift fairly heavy boxes and place them in cars, will be needed from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 20. Our Food Pantry is careful to observe masking and distancing guidelines and all the Saturday morning work is outdoors, as this is a drive-by distribution event.

St. Paul's is one of the largest and most generous congregations participating in the Pantry. Please volunteer and support our Food Pantry in this important work.

Introduction to the day: The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 14	8:00 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
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Following 10:30 AM Worship		Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, February 15	7:00 PM	Council
Wednesday, February 17	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday w/Holy Communion
Thursday, February 18	6:00 PM	STiC
	7:00 PM	Adult Forum
Saturday, February 20	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, February 21	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

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Easter Flower Orders

Please detach lower portion and place in the offering plate in the Gathering Room
or return by U.S. Mail.

Deadline: Sunday, March 21, 2021

No orders will be taken after this date.

Your name: _____

Type of flower	How Many	Price	Total	Sponsorship
Easter Lilies	_____X	\$8	_____	H/M_____
Regular-sized Daffodils	_____X	\$7	_____	H/M_____
6-bulb Tulips (Red)	_____X	\$7	_____	H/M_____
3-bulb Hyacinth (Purple)	_____X	\$7	_____	H/M_____
3-bulb Hyacinth (Pink)	_____X	\$7	_____	H/M_____
3-bulb Hyacinth (White)	_____X	\$7	_____	H/M_____
Hydrangeas (Pink)	_____X	\$15	_____	H/M_____

TOTAL \$ _____

If additional space is needed for dedications, please use the back of this sheet.

Please detach lower portion of this sheet and place it with your payment in the plate
in the Gathering Room.