

# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish Melody arr. by Fred Bock

## WELCOME

## +SOLA GRATIA+

## 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

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## OPENING HYMN

### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## +SOLA SCRIPTURA+

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: 99 *(read responsively)*

The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The Lord, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord,**

**they called upon you, and you answered them,**  
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

### EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the

Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be

here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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**SERMON**

Pastor Kurt

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

## +SOLA FIDE+

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*response: Kathleen Thomerson*

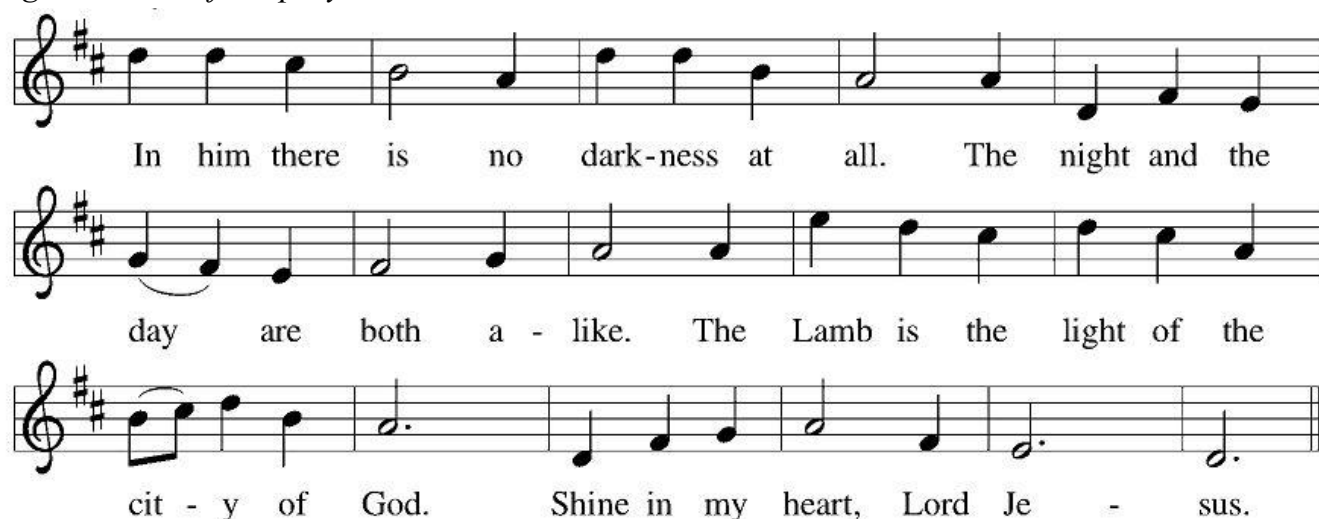
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**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.**

•at the end of each prayer:

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

•all sing at the end of the prayers:



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the  
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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## NICENE CREED

**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.**

## OFFERING

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## COMMUNION

Come and see! The ruler of the earth has come, our Lord born in a stable and raised in the temple, our Lord who will take away from us the heavy burden of our exile, and guide us through this world and the next. Come, let us gather around the table and prepare to meet him.

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.**

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. In the wonder and majesty of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

## SANCTUS

*\*spoken:*

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of pow'r and God of might:  
heav'n and earth reveal your glory. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!  
Blessed be the coming Savior. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

*\*all sing:*

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

*\*all sing:*

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.   *refrain***

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.



Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

*\*all sing:*

**Let us praise God together on our knees;**

**let us praise God together on our knees.   refrain**

*text & music: African American spiritual*

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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*\*We continue to practice a conservative and cautious approach to communion. The pastor will handle each host with tongs and after intinction place it onto a piece of parchment. The Worship Assistants will then place it on a credence table for you. Please take it and receive the elements of grace; broken and shed for you. There are small black trash receptacles on either side of the chancel for you to deposit the paper.*

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Go now and live your faith boldly as an open statement of God's truth. Keep nothing hidden, and refuse anything deceitful or manipulative. By God's mercy, engage in the ministry to which you have been called, and let the light of God's word shine brightly in you.

And may God strengthen you and keep you safe; May Christ Jesus unveil your minds; And may the Holy Spirit transform you from glory to glory.

**confession & forgiveness, prayer of the day, offering prayer, and dismissal**

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**closing blessing**

*by Nathan Nettleton*

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## SENDING SONG

## 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;  
 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;  
 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.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

arr. by Don Hustad

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + Ash Wednesday: March 2

Services will be at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Both are Traditional Service of Scripture, Expanded Confession, Imposition of Ashes followed by the Eucharist. If you cannot attend at Noon or 7:00 and desire ashes, please call the church office to arrange for private and brief imposition in the Chapel anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### + Lenten Midweek Services: March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6

**Soup and Salad** at 5:45 p.m. There are sign-up sheets in the lounge.

**Holden Village Evening Prayer** at 6:30 p.m.

**Lenten Classes at noon** on Zoom with Bill Radatz

The RAD Workshop: Resurrection-Aging-Death

“Walking humbly with our God into unanswerable questions”

An opportunity for conversations during Lent of where the certainty of our death and the Gospel’s proclamation of resurrection collide, and how we approach this wonderful mystery. Our guides into these conversations will be scripture, poetry, music, authors, art - and ourselves - all with a touch of humor and exploration. You’ll be joining one whose last name begins RAD... who sees himself not so much as an instructor, but as a companion on this journey into mystery. If you’d like a foretaste of the flavor of the class, read the poem “When Death Comes” by Mary Oliver.

**Lenten Classes at 7:00 p.m.** live and on Zoom with Pastor Kurt

The Holy Spirit in Luke - Acts

The Holy Spirit enters into the Gospel story at the very beginning and runs through both books of Luke, from Jesus' birth to the founding days of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. The presence, wisdom and guidance of The Spirit are baked into the Church’s DNA and in our own lives through Baptism. Knowing the story of the Holy Spirit in Luke - Acts can help us see and understand how the Spirit is still the most vibrant power in the Church today.

**Thank you to all who took the survey!**

<b>Pastor</b>	the Rev. Kurt Christenson
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<b>Lector</b>	Lynne Falcon
<b>Cantor</b>	Jan Neuhaus
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<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Clayton

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