

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany: Transfiguration**

February 16 & 19, 2023

**The Season** The season of Epiphany highlights the revealing of the Son of God as the Savior of the whole world—both Jew and Gentile. God revealed the mystery of his person and his mission through the words and works of the Father, though the anointing and empowering of the Spirit, and through the preaching and miracles of Christ.

**The Sunday** Jesus appears in glory as the Son of God. Before he suffered as man's substitute, Jesus gave his Church a glimpse of his glory. See how much he loves us! God became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold.

**Hymn**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here* CW 95



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry  
2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like  
to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -  
things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -  
king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -  
not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
sion bright And make this hill our home.  
the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

*Stand*

**M:** Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**M:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

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**CONFESSION OF SINS**

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**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through his  
Word and Sacrament.  
We acknowledge our  
sin and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the focus  
of our worship.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

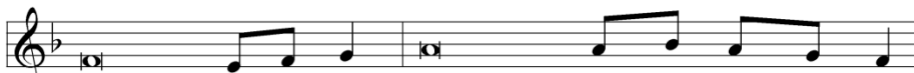
**C: Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**



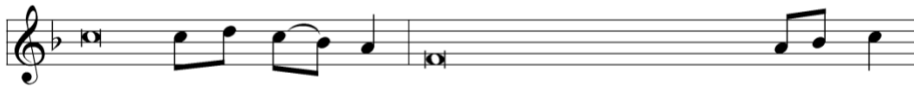
**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



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

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

*Be Seated*

**Choir**

*This is My Beloved Son (Sunday)*

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson**

**Exodus 24:12,15-18**

How different Mt. Sinai was from the Mount of Glory! Moses entered into thick darkness to receive the Law of God and the two-sided covenant for Israel. When he came down from the mountain and found Israel dancing before a golden calf, he could see how man would never be able to keep this Law. Yet on the Mount of Glory in the midst of a bright cloud, Moses saw God’s new covenant in the person of Jesus Christ. Here was the Man who would not just keep the covenant, but who would be the covenant for all mankind. On Mt. Sinai, the people cowered in fear at the glory of God which looked like a consuming fire. But on the Mount of Glory, that same glory looked like a man—a man who touched his disciples and gave them the message of the covenant fulfilled, “Don’t be afraid!”

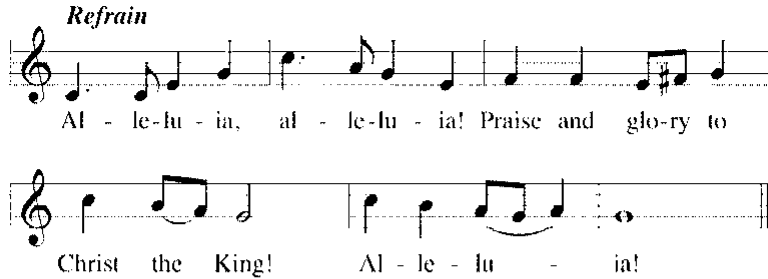
<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 110 CWS

*Refrain*



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Praise and glo-ry to  
Christ the King! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Psalm Tone*



The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."  
The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;  
you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:  
"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."  
The LORD is at your right hand;  
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

### *Refrain*

He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead  
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.  
He will drink from a brook beside the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## Second Lesson

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

“We were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” For Peter and John, that day on the mountain continued to shape their lives. From John 1 to 2 Peter, these men who had seen Christ’s glory testified that the man Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God. Peter promised that the Lord Jesus Christ would come again in power, and he offers us a three-fold assurance of his reliability: Peter was an eyewitness of the glory of Christ; Peter heard the Majestic Glory call Jesus the Son of God; Peter had the word of the prophets which were inspired by the Spirit and fulfilled in Christ.

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”  
Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

*Stand*

## Gospel

## Matthew 17:1-9

God showed Peter, James, and John all the glory that belonged to the Son of God shining out in the person of Jesus. They heard God the Father testify that this was his own Son. They understood that Jesus’ death and departure were a fulfillment of the Old Testament promises of God. As Peter said, it is good for us to be on this mountain and see this Jesus, because it prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life. We have seen his glory, so we know he goes to his suffering and death willingly, lovingly, to be our Savior. We have seen his glory, so we know that no matter the sorrow we face in this life, we have been bought for another life in the kingdom of glory.

<sup>17</sup> After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

*Be Seated*

## Hymn of the Day

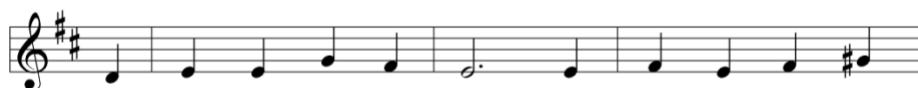
*Down From the Mount of Glory CW 97*



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus  
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant  
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the  
4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that  
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,  
in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,  
mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,  
is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed  
Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will  
For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from  
His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -  
A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he  
Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er  
heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my  
a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer  
prof - ered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly  
claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.  
Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.  
deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.  
soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.  
ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er— yours and mine.

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Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

## Sermon

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## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### 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.**

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

**Closing Rite:**

*Farewell to Alleluia*

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we gather for worship again the day will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn Lenten journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian Church has omitted its most jubilant songs during the season, including the song Alleluia, which means, "Praise the Lord."

Now for a time we shall say farewell to Alleluia. With this we prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. But the Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our songs of praise to the risen Lord.

*Alleluia, Song of Triumph*      Text by Jason Mason Neale (11<sup>th</sup> Century) Adopted by James Tiefel – 1998

**C: Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.**

**Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,  
With Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,  
And with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;  
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forego.  
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.**

**May our hymns be filled with longing – hear us, Holy Trinity,  
As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,  
When we shall once more be singing Alleluia joyfully!**

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