



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
FESTIVAL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
FEBRUARY 14, 2021 - 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Transfiguration Sunday marks the transition from the Christmas and Epiphany Seasons to the Lent and Easter Seasons. Throughout the season of Epiphany, we have heard how Jesus was revealed as the Messiah, the Son of God, in His words and actions. The identity of Jesus as the Son of God is confirmed beyond a doubt as we hear how He was revealed in all His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. God demonstrated His Love to His disciples by giving them yet more evidence that Jesus was the Son of God. After this event that revealed the Lord's great Glory, Jesus firmly set His sights on Jerusalem and the cross where, in the greatest display of love, He sacrificed His Life to save us all from sin, death, and the grave.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior – D. Cherwein

GREETING



INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P We gather together at the mountain of light in the Name of the Father;

C **Who commanded light to be in the midst of darkness.**

P We begin our journey in the Name of the Son;

C **Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,
the Light no darkness can overcome.**

P We go to the mountain in the Name of the Spirit;

C **Who calls us in Baptism and gathers us in the Body of Christ. Amen.**

P O God of Love and Mercy, how good it is to be here today and to hear once again that You are faithful, that You keep all Your Promises of love towards us. Open our eyes to see Your Goodness. Open our ears to hear Your Words of promise. Open our minds to understand how great Your Love is for us.

C **Open our lips and our mouths to declare Your praise. Amen.**



HYMN

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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1. O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!

2. With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.

3. With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

4. And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5. O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

C **And the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.**

P Through Him all things were made;
C **Without Him nothing was made that has been made.**

P In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men.
C **The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

P The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.
C **We have seen His Glory, the Glory of the One and Only, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P Let us see today, with the eye of faith, what the disciples saw on the mountain top.
C **O Lord, fill our vision with Your Beautiful Light. Amen.**

P Brothers and sisters, before we ascend the mountain with Jesus, we must confront ourselves. Let us therefore confess our sins.

P O Lord, our God:
C **We come before You as sinners from birth, without excuse. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have seen Your Light and have still walked in the darkness of sin. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us to walk in His Light to Eternal Life. Send Your Spirit to rule in our hearts and minds that we may be known as children of the Light, to the praise of Your Glory. 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 the Word, I announce the Grace of God to you; and in the Stead, and by the Command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

❖ **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for the 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.**

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, in the Glorious Transfiguration of Your Beloved Son, You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the Voice that came from the bright cloud, You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.
C **Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His Glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in Heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 34:29-35

(Moses' face shines with the Glory of God as he proclaims the Commands of the Lord.)

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near him,
and he gave them all the commands the
LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.
When Moses finished speaking to them,
he put a veil over his face.
But whenever he entered the LORD's
Presence to speak with Him,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

he removed the veil until he came out.
And when he came out and told the
Israelites what he had been commanded,
they saw that his face was radiant.
Then Moses would put the veil back over
his face until he went in to speak with the
LORD.

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6

(Jesus Christ is the light shining out of the darkness.)

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we
are very bold.

We are not like Moses, who would put a
veil over his face to keep the Israelites
from gazing at it while the radiance was
fading away.

But their minds were made dull, for to
this day the same veil remains when the
old covenant is read.

It has not been removed, because only in
Christ is it taken away.

Even to this day when Moses is read, a
veil covers their hearts.

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord,
the veil is taken away.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we, who with unveiled faces all
reflect the Lord's Glory,
are being transformed into His Likeness
with ever-increasing glory, which comes
from the Lord, Who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God's Mercy we
have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

Rather, we have renounced secret and
shameful ways; we do not use deception,
nor do we distort the Word of God.

On the contrary, by setting forth the truth
plainly we commend ourselves to every
man's conscience in the Sight of God.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is
veiled to those who are perishing.

The god of this age has blinded the minds
of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the
Light of the Gospel of the Glory of
Christ, Who is the Image of God.

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus
Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, Who said,

"Let light shine out of darkness,"

made His Light shine in our hearts to give
us the light of the knowledge of the Glory
of God in the Face of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA LITANY FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON**

P “Alleluia,” said the prophets of old;

C **Christ is coming; prepare His Way.**

P “Alleluia,” said the angels and shepherds;

C **Christ is born, the Word made flesh is come to earth.**

P “Alleluia,” said the Magi from the East;

C **Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.**

P “Alleluia,” said John the Baptist;

C **Christ is here; the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

P “Alleluia,” said the disciples and servants;

C **Christ is Lord; revealed in water changed to wine.**

P “Alleluia,” said the fishermen;

C **Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.**

P “Alleluia,” said the sick and suffering;

C **Christ is Healer; trust in Him for healing, and hope in Him for new life.**

P “Alleluia,” said the students;

C **Christ is Teacher; listen to His Word and Wisdom.**

P “Alleluia,” said the people;

C **Christ is Messiah; the fulfillment of God’s Promise and the prophets’ word.**

P “Alleluia,” said Moses and Elijah;

C **Christ is God; the Light of Light has come to shine on us the Love from On High.**

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 9:2–9

(Jesus is revealed in all His glory in front of Peter, James, and John.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a Voice came from the cloud:

"This is My Son, Whom I love.

Listen to Him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

HYMN OF THE DAY

'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.**

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SERMON

A Downwardly Mobile Jesus

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Mark 9:2–9

(For an outline of the sermon, see page 15 of this worship folder.)



CREED

APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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.**



GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving at rlcary.org, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERTORY 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 sorrowing 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!

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Glorious Father, at Your Son's Transfiguration, You called us to listen to Him.

C **Open our reluctant ears to hear His Word, and give us faith to believe It.**

P Guide and empower those You call to preach Your Gospel, and give to Your pastors
humility, boldness and love for Your people.

Lord, in Your Mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, Peter, James and John saw Your Son's Glory on the mountain.
C Teach us to see His Glory in Your Word and Supper,

P so that in the midst of this troubled world we look forward to the glory that He will share with us on the Last Day.
 Lord, in Your Mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Sovereign Father, You establish government so that we can live with order in this difficult world.
C Watch over those who serve in our armed forces and be with their families.

P Give wisdom and courage to those who are elected and appointed to serve as civil authorities, so that lives are defended, peace is promoted, evil is thwarted and good is encouraged.
 Lord, in Your Mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P We give you thanks for our sisters and brothers in Christ through whom You provide a wonderful example of faith and Christian life.
C Comfort all who mourn with the promises of Your Presence now and a future reunion of all the faithful in Heaven.

P We give You thanks for Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and all who lived and died trusting Jesus. Lead us to imitate their faithful lives.
 Lord, in Your Mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, at Christ's Transfiguration, His eyes were focused on Jerusalem.
C So set our hearts on His Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension for us,

P so that we joyfully welcome Him when He returns with the full glory that we glimpsed at His Transfiguration.
 Lord, in Your Mercy,
C hear our prayer.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Dearest Father, cause us to respect all that You make, to care for all people, and to celebrate the life that shines through the deepest darkness, undimmed and eternal. Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*
C **Amen.**

❖ **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

P On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the Resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion

of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith.

Though every Sunday is a "little Easter" we restrain our praise at this time until Easter Sunday, the Feast of the Resurrection, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King.

We raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate Feast of Victory where we shall all sing "Alleluia!" with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets and all the company of Heaven before the Lamb on His Throne.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417 (Tune: LSB 621)

**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 forgo;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.**

**4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in d minor - J. Froehberger

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Sunday of the Transfiguration
A Downwardly Mobile Jesus (Mark 9:2–9)

Glory. We all need a personal measure of it. But it's safe to say that, sooner or later, without Jesus, we would all suffer from a real glory problem—at the expense of one another.

1. A true story about misplaced confidence...and dramatic rescue...on a mountain. There are three mountains in the Bible that illustrate something about the glory problem and what God has done to rescue us from it.

2. **Mountain # 1:** _____. _____. A mountain where humanity came face to face with its distance from the true glory of God. The Law of God is good, but by itself it cannot bring abundant life...only (1) despair of reaching true glory or (2) striving for human glory and never knowing when a job is ever finished.

3. **Mountain # 2:** _____. _____. God's true glory, the only glory that really matters...the approval and love of our Creator has come down to us in the midst of our attention-getting labor, down to us while we are in mid-stride of our mountain-climbing faith, in the person of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

4. **Mountain # 3:** _____. _____. God does not wait for us to climb up the mountain of personal achievement. All have fallen short of God's glory. Jesus comes down...down from heaven, down off the mountain top with His disciples to a dark cross where the light of God's true glory and love for us shines.

5. “_____” says the voice from the cloud (God's voice). Humanity does indeed have a glory problem! But because of the downwardly mobile Jesus, who was crucified for us and now lives forever, we are given to longer strive to achieve human glory but listen for Jesus' Word. What has Jesus said, and what does He continue to say to us that rescues us from our need to climb mountains?