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Transfiguration Sunday | March 2nd, 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**  *I Will Rise and Go to Jesus*

arr. Don Hustad

\*Call to Worship

One: Who is like you Lord, majestic in holiness,

All: Awesome in glory, working wonders?

One: You speak, and the heavens shine with your light.

All: You move, and the earth is filled with your grace.

One: We gather in the shadow of your splendor seeking your presence,

All: So that we might share with all the world the Good News of your kingdom.

\*Hymn of Praise *173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;

joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;

till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;

more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Opening Prayer

God of grace and God of Glory, you meet us on the mountaintops, radiant in splendor, and walk with us through the darkest nights of the valleys. In all the world there is nothing like the splendor we find in your radiant love. Open our hearts, and minds, shining within every darkness and filling us with light. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!  
    He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
**The Lord is great in Zion;  
    he is exalted over all the peoples.**Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
    **Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice,  
    you have established equity;  
**you have executed justice  
    and righteousness in Jacob**.  
Extol the Lord our God;  
    worship at his footstool.  
    **Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
    Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
    **They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.  
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;**  
    they kept his decrees  
    and the statutes that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them;  
    you were a forgiving God to them  
    but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**Extol the Lord our God,  
    and worship at his holy mountain,  
    **for the Lord our God is holy.**

**Children’s Moment**

*All Children are invited to come up to the front, when we finish they are invited to Sunday School.*

Music of Preparation

*Table of Plenty* arr. Mark Hayes

Dylan Cook, flute

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36

Sermon Greatest Temptations: Glory

Music of Response

*When Peace Like a River*

arr. Jay Althouse

Dylan Cook, flute

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *How Beautiful* Paris/Larson

Paula Jameson, Solo

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

**\*Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, our Alpha and our Omega,

whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God.

Through your Word you created all things and called them good,

and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

full of grace and truth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own

and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last, and for a justice that would never fail. In Jesus’ suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power forever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus,

who now reigns with you in glory,

and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,

making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,

that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup

we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ’s blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and cup, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

**Communion Hymn** 623 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee* TUNE: MORECAMBE

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

2. This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

3. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,

here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

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. Amen

**\*Sending Hymn** 2103 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*  HYFRYDOL

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,

where we wait with hope and longing

for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance

that our faith is not in vain,

searching like those first disciples

for a sign both clear and plain.

2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel

as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder

how the Law and Prophets meet;

Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,

we, like Peter, find it tempting

to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage

to proclaim what we profess,

that our daily lives may prove us

people of the God we bless.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace, Amen!

Postlude *Fantasy in A Minor*

J.S. Bach

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“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Words: Charles Wesley , 1740

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1957 (Rev. 19:6-9)

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding

Words: Carl P Daw, Jr ( Matt. 7:1-8; Mark 9:2-5;Luke 9:28-36)

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