

Worship Leader Edition  
Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Mark Bergherr)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Betsy Hoium)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**C: Amen**

L: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.  
Mighty and loving God

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, and thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope and love. Amen.**

L: Hear the voice of Jesus; "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C: Amen**

+OPENING HYMN

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

ELW # 317

**Verse 1**

Jesus on the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak,  
join the saints and angels praising.

**Refrain**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
shout through them their joyful greeting:

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets sing before him,  
first and last and only One.  
All creation shall adore him!

**Refrain**

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)*

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**C: Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Refrain**

**2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

**4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Refrain**

L: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Sone, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

WORD

Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, “See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (*Betsy Hoium*)

Matthew 16: 24-17:8

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Betsy Hoium

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Beloved of the Maker"

ELW 306

**Verse 1**

Come, beloved of the Maker,  
come, behold the Firstborn One;  
see reveals creation's splendor  
crowned in glory like the sun.

**Verse 2**

See the Morning star now beckon  
to those bound to doubt and night;  
"Follow me," Christ calls in welcome,  
"come from darkness into light."

**Verse 3**

Follow to the birth of newness;  
follow to the life of peace;  
follow to the hill of anguish;

follow to the garden bliss.

**Verse 4**

There we too will burn and brighten,  
God's resplendent work begun;  
glory will ascend and heighten,  
crowning us with glorious sun.

**Verse 5**

Christ, bright image of the Maker,  
God, whose glory none may pass,  
Spirit, sun of love and splendor,  
bear us into light at last.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

*Screen*

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayers.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

*Please share a wave of peace with one another.*

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## MEAL

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Betsy Hoium*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Betsy Hoium*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Betsy Hoium*)

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**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Beloved, God's Chosen"  
St. Luke's Choir

Robert Hobby; Susan P. Cherwien

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

*Screen*

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Betsy Hoium*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

+CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

ELW #207/*Screen*

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell everyone what God has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
rejoice and bear the name of Christ

Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving  
Alleluia, alleluia.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Front Center*) (*David Skinner*)

L: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Paul Sundet, Treasurer

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Betsy Hoium*)

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
Verses 1 and 4

**ELW #834**

**Verse 1**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

**Verse 4**

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels, adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, lead us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lori Murray

***Altar Flowers Today***

***Given by:***

***The Roberts Family***

***In honor of***

***Jim Roberts' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday***