

Transfiguration of Our Lord



THIS IS MY SON.
THE BELOVED
MATTHEW 17:5

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Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... as we celebrate the Transfiguration and catch a glimpse of Jesus' divine glory.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW #314

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

C **And also with you.**

DIALOG

P In the beginning was the Word,

C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P In the Word was life,

C **and the life was the light of all people.**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

John 1

SCRIPTURE SONG

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **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 Son, 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 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

PSALM 2

- L ¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- C ²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?**
- L ³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- C ⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**
- L ⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.
- C ⁶**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**
- L ⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me,
"You are my son; this day have I begotten you."
- C ⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- L ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- C ¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- L ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;
- C ¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW #834

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 Pilot,
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.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 20

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 21

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C **you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice.
Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #689

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of mountaintops and valleys, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given
all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your
presence in the world.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C Amen.

THE 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.

BLESSING

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

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