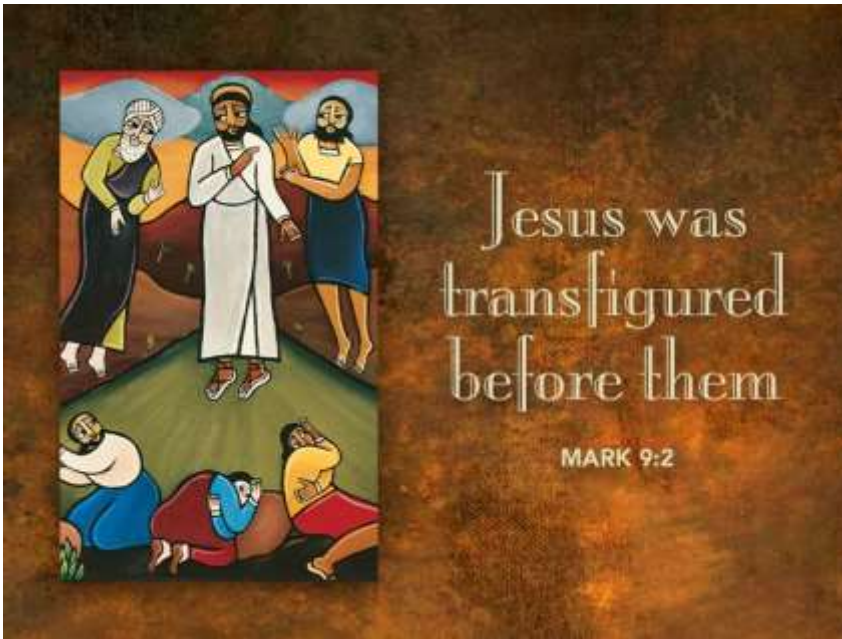


Transfiguration of Our Lord



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... This Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus is with us in both the mountaintops and valleys of life. Welcome, as we do what the voice from heaven commanded: “Listen to him” (Mark 9:7).

INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus’ baptism and end with three disciples’ vision of his transfiguration. In Mark’s story of Jesus’ baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus’ three closest friends hear the same words naming him God’s Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus’ face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God’s glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

OPENING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW #671

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P The glory of God shines like a consuming fire. *Ps. 50:1, 3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:7*

C *We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

P The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

C *Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God alone is righteous; *Ps. 50:2, 6*
God alone is perfect; God alone is judge.
Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.
Rejoicing in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

C *God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—*

*yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

P Our God comes and does not keep silence;
God speaks to us with grace and love,
saying: You are my beloved child.
This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Ps. 50:3; Mark 9:7

C *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C *Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop
into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with
your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet
Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the
place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and
Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

PSALM 50:1-6

L ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C ²*Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.*

L ³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

C ⁴*God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.*

L ⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

C ⁶*The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.*

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" (vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #315
(Alt. tune: ELW #669)

APOSTLES' CREED

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**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray.

C *Have mercy, O God.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

**OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious God, we give you thanks *2 Cor. 4:6*
for the light of love around us.
As we go forth from this place
let our lives reflect the One
who is the image of your glory:
Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

**BLESSING

P The very face of God shines upon you *Ps. 50:2*
with beauty, blessing, and peace.

C **Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #318

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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and send disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God
and the empowerment of Christ's Spirit.*