



**The Transfiguration
Of Our Lord**

**prelude
entrance hymn**

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*Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

greeting

*P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.*

*P: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!
C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.*

*P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
C: The light no darkness can overcome.*

*P: He comes to us
C: We who are not wise.*

*P: He comes to us
C: We who are not powerful*

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C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.*

"O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

"Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above;
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, the transfiguration of Your Son reveals the continuity of Your presence and Your plan for your people. Your Word was spoken and Your intentions carried out through Moses and Elijah. Now, through Your Son, speak Your Word and realize Your intentions for us, that we will marvel and worship Your boundless love and grace which gives us hope and joy in this life and the next. In His name we pray. Amen.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So they went down to Bethel.

The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?"

And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?"

And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan."

But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So the two of them went on.

Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you."

Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of

Israel and its horsemen!"

But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

*The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
Our God shines forth. R**

*Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.*

**He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

*"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"*

**The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. R**

second lesson

Deuteronomy 32:48-52, 34:1-10

On that very day the Lord addressed Moses as follows:
"Ascend this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites for a possession; you shall die there on the mountain that you ascend and shall be gathered to your kin, as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his kin; because both of you broke faith with me among the Israelites at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, by failing to maintain my holiness among the Israelites. Although you may view the land from a distance, you shall not enter it--the land that I am giving to the Israelites."

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the

top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord let him see the whole land.

The Lord said to him,

"This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

So Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no man knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

But there arose no further prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and in all the strength and in all the great, awe-inspiring acts that Moses did before the eyes of all Israel.

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God

VERSE

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Lord the light of Your love is shining;
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me,
Shine on me!

Shine, Jesus, shine!
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow!
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

gospel acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

gospel

Mark 9:2-10

The Transfiguration of Jesus

And six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain, alone and apart. And he was transformed before them, and his clothes became shining with exceeding brilliance, such that no bleacher on earth is empowered to brighten them. And they saw, Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

And Peter responds to the scene by saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," for Peter did not know what he should say, for they had become terrified.

And a cloud came, overshadowing them. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!"

And suddenly, when they were looking around, they saw no one but Jesus alone, by himself.

And coming down out of the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. And they kept the word to themselves, discussing what this rising from the dead is.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

hymn of the day *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* **315**

1. *How good, Lord, to be here!*
**Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

2. *How good, Lord, to be here,*
**Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.**

3. *Fulfiller of the past,*
Promise of things to be:

**We hail your body glorified,
And our redemption see.**

4. *Before we taste of death,*
**We see your kingdom come;
We have to hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.**

5. *How good, Lord, to be here!*
**Yet we will not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.**

nicene creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

offering

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, joining those people long ago who brought their gifts to your infant Son, we now bring our gifts of praise, adoration and thanks. Receive them as a response to the abundant blessings you provide us every day. We pray that You are pleased with our offerings and that you will use them to accomplish Your holy will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

the prayers of the church

the lord's prayer

benediction

dismissal