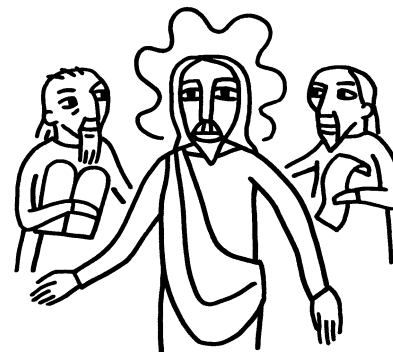


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 Transfiguration of Our Lord
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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

*Beautiful Savior
 How Good, Lord, to be Here*

Dale Wood
 Janet Linker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
 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.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Mighty is Our God*

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King.
 Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
 Glory to our God. Glory to our King.
 Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name.
 His power is greater, for He has created everything.

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 Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything,
 Ruler of everything, ruler of everything

GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.
 May the grace and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastor John Stevens, Zion Lutheran Church
Oregon City, OR**FIRST READING*****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.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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."

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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." ¹⁰He 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." ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM**Psalm 50:1-6***(read responsively)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING

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.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Larry Olson

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

SONG OF THE DAY***I See the Lord***

I see the Lord, and He is seated on the throne.
The train of His robe is filling the heavens.
I see the Lord, and He is shining like the sun.
His eyes full of fire, His voice like the waters.
Surrounding His throne and thousands singing

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer response: Let us walk
 in the light of the Lord.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful giving that has continued during this time! Ministry at this time depends on regular giving. If you would like to give online now, you can use this QR code scanner on your smart phone to be directed to the Giving page on our website. You can also mail your offerings in to the church.

**OFFERING SONG*****Majesty***

Majesty, worship His majesty.
 Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
 Majesty, kingdom authority,
 Flow from His throne unto his own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
 Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King.
 Majesty, worship His majesty,
 Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. By your grace, use these gifts to spread your name and salvation through our community and our world. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, call you beloved, and shine brightly on your path. The blessing of Almighty God - the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG*You Shine*

Why should I fear man
 When You made the heavens.
 Why should I be afraid
 When You put the stars in place.
 Why should I lose heart
 When I know how great You are.
 Why should I give up
 When Your plans are full of love.

In this world we will have trouble.
 But You have overcome the world.

You shine brighter than the brightest star.
 Your love, purer than the purest heart.
 You shine, filling us with courage and strength
 To follow You.
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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace! Share the good news of Jesus Christ!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE*Thy Strong Word*

John A. Behnke

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