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As We Gather

Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: “Listen to Him.”

PREPARATION

873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise; Triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn, Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day’s return, Till Thy mercy’s beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 99:4, 9*

- P The King in His might loves justice.
C **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Silence for reflection.

- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

Kyrie

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

537 Beautiful Savior

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I’d love Thee,
Truly I’d serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 2:1–12*

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please 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. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please 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 sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please 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 sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 50:1–6; antiphon: v. 2*

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!

Epistle *2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6*

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only 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 what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Psalm 45:2a*

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Mark 9:2–9*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to

say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past, And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified, And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright, And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying, [*especially . . .*], and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Offering

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*
*ref In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Litany on Alleluia

- P "Alleluia," said the prophets of old;
C **Christ is coming; prepare His way.**
P "Alleluia," said angels and shepherds;
C **Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come to earth.**
P "Alleluia," said the Magi from the East;
C **Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.**
P "Alleluia," said the Baptizer John;
C **Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**
P "Alleluia," said the servants and disciples;
C **Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.**
P "Alleluia," said the people;
C **Christ is Messiah; fulfilled of God's promise and the prophets' word.**
P "Alleluia," said the fishermen;
C **Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.**
P "Alleluia," said the sick and suffering;
C **Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.**
P "Alleluia," said the students;
C **Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.**
P "Alleluia," said Moses and Elijah;
C **Christ is God; the Light of Light has come to shine on us the love from on high.**
P "Alleluia," said the apostles, standing on the mountain high;
C **Christ is shining; in this glory let us stay.**
P "Alleluia," said the Savior, "Christ means suffering";
C **Down the mount the Lord must go and meet the death that awaits Him in the valley below.**
P "Alleluia," bids the Savior, "follow Me and be not afraid";
C **Christ reveals greater glory hidden in the cross and grave; there we find salvation's story and there we find the hope which saves.**

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem, Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding, Thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters, Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always, Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions, Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming, When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter, With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing, Alleluia joyfully.

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