



The Transfiguration, Raphael (1520)

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Girl Scout Sunday

March 3, 2019 | 8:30 am



St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury NC

Welcome to St. John's!

For more information about today's worship, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal.



Gathering

Prelude

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair
DEO GRACIAS

John Donstable

Welcome *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

Prayers of Confession. *Please stand, turning towards the cross of Christ.*

We make the sign of the cross as a sign of our baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin and darkness. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Reveal to us your light, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Entrance Hymn 315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

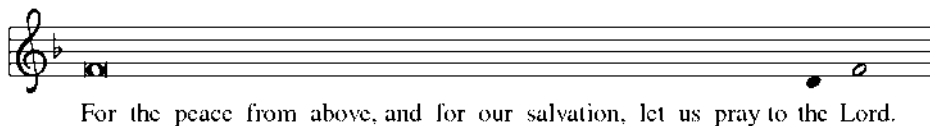
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie. *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace.*



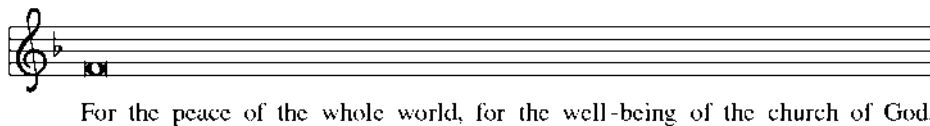
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



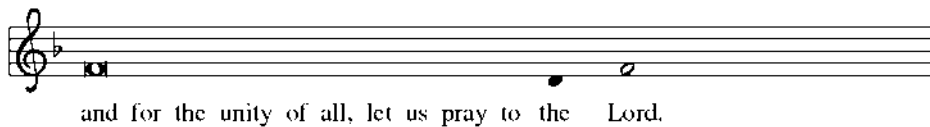
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



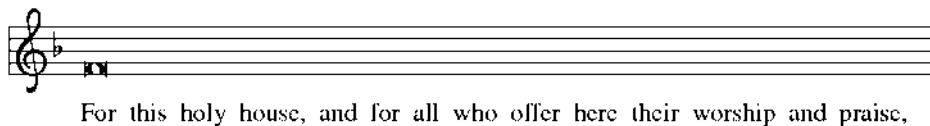
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



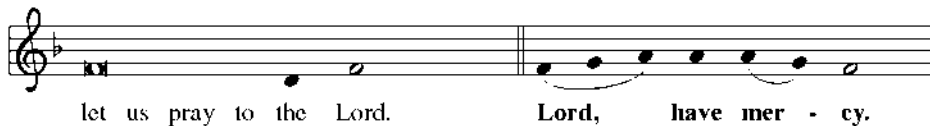
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



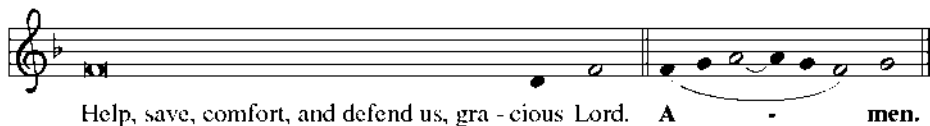
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness.

Oh, praise him! Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son. And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let us pray together. **Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated



Word

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

The shining face of Moses

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading Psalm 27:1-5

Triumphant song of confidence

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.

- ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
 though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- ⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
 to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
 to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
 he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

The Word of the Lord. The Light of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel. "Alleluia" is an ancient Jewish acclamation that means "God be praised." In the Christian tradition, Alleluia means "He is risen!"



The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Please stand

Hymn 838

Beautiful Savior

SCHONSTER HERR JESU

Apostle's Creed. *The three paragraphs of the Creed express our belief in the three-fold nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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.**

Please be seated

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jaroslav Vajda/Carl Schalk

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you got matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the Voice from heaven says of the incarnate Word:
"Listen, listen, everyone, this is my beloved Son"!

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,
where you shouted, "It is finished!" where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell your story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

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Offertory Hymn *As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and sings the Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayers of Intercession. *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**



Sending and Commissioning

Benediction

Sending Hymn 318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

PRAISE, MY SOUL

Today's festival is a bridge between Epiphany and Lent, which begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration, 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 journey from Lent to Easter. As has been the tradition for centuries, the church sets aside the "Alleluia" at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and sung again at Easter.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LAUDA ANIMA

Timothy Flynn

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