



Transfiguration of Our Lord
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Holy Communion Setting One

GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE.

HYMNS TODAY: **LBW #75, LBW #89, and LBW #518**

PRELUDE, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56)

Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10

Please stand as you are able.

In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE (LBW p. 66)

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

John 20:19-21

As God has given us peace by the forgiveness of our sins, so let us forgive and share his peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please, remain standing as you are able for the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN: “Bright and Glorious is the Sky” LBW #75

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

2 Corinthians 13:14

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 (LBW pp. 57-58)

Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1

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

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

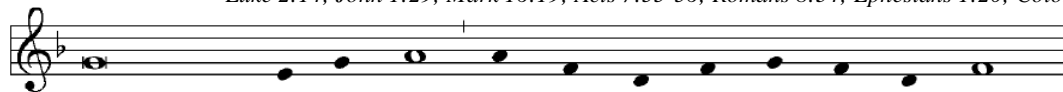
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 58-59)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



☩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



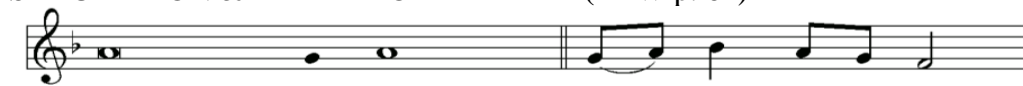
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

Ruth 2:4



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Let us pray together. **O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, 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 talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

PSALM 50:1-6 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (psalm tone 9)*

¹The Lord, the God of | gods, has spoken;*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,***

God reveals him- | self in glory.

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;*

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a | raging storm.

⁴**He calls the heavens and the earth | from above***

to witness the judgment | of his people.

⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

⁶**Let the heavens declare the rightness | of his cause;***

for God him- | self is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 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. 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 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.

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

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 62)

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



Praise to you, O Christ.
Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “How Good, Lord, To Be Here!” LBW #89

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray... *Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

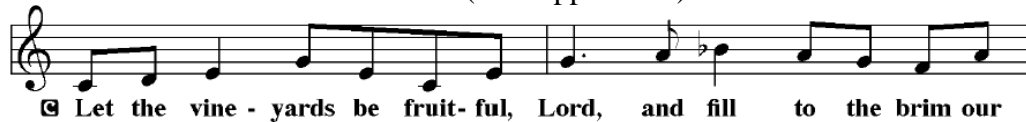
Please be seated.

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER (LBW pp. 66-67)



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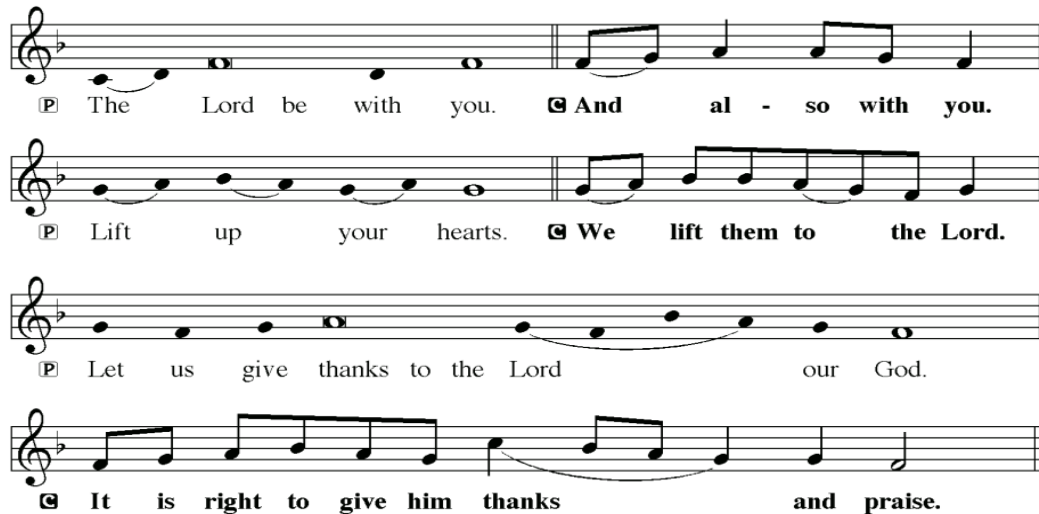
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 68)

Let us pray... Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.
 ☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.
 ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give away to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

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Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 69) *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.

COMMUNION HYMN ("*Lamb of God...*" LBW p. 72)

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

GOD GIVES US HIMSELF IN HIS HOLY MEAL.

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer hand sanitizer if you so desire.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 72-73)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The benediction will be offered after the Burning of the Palms.

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE.

SENDING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" LBW #518

The service concludes outside with the Burning of Palms.



RITE FOR THE BURNING OF PALMS

INVOCATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God, you sent your Son into this world to save humanity from the power of sin, death, and the devil. In the last week of His life, He courageously obeyed your holy will and when the praise turned to persecution, He endured it to the end. Grant that as we draw close to the Lenten season, we might ponder anew the suffering and death of Christ. Draw us closer to your heart and remind us of your never-failing love for your whole creation as is evidenced in Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. In His holy and precious name we pray. **Amen.**

BURNING OF THE PALMS

John 12:13

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, the crowds that had gathered for the Passover Feast waved palm branches, cheered and shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

*Each person places a palm into the basin, one at a time, saying: **Hosanna to the King of kings.**
Once all of the palms are in the basin, they are set aflame, and we watch as they burn to ash.*

INSTRUCTION

Ashes are a sign of repentance, cleansing, and renewal, as well as a symbol of our grief. We grieve the fact that we have sinned and caused a separation between ourselves and our Creator. We repent of our inability to follow Jesus the way that we should, and we are sorry for our constant need to be in charge. We lament our lack of faith and trust in God, who is always trustworthy and true.

The ashes that we have made today through the burning of these palms will be a sign for us, as the people of God, that we are forgiven and restored in Christ Jesus our Lord. When we hear the words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” we are reminded of God’s mercy in our lives. He who created the universe with a word, also spoke each of us into existence, to live in blessed union with Him and with one another. **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God - the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit -
bless us and be with us through our Lenten journey and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go now in peace, confident in the love, mercy, grace, and new life given to us
by God the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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