



## **Transfiguration Sunday Worship Gathering**

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- ◆ **Breathe**
- ◆ **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ◆ **Be still,** empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

## Gathering

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.*

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

**"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name. You are mine."**

**In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.**

**Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.**

**Amen.**

## Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

### GREETING

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dazzling Lord, In blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

## Word

**PSALM:** Psalm 36:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup>O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**



**GOSPEL:** Luke 9:28-37

A Reading from Luke the ninth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>Just 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. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When 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. <sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

## Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### *Offering Song*



### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

### 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 forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.*

*Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.*

### Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

## Sending

### BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## SHINE, JESUS SHINE

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!  
 1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -  
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
 set us free, by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.  
 Shine on me, shine on me:  
 Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
 Thanks be to God.

## Prayer List

### Strength

The Eckhart Family  
 Arlene Engle  
 Jane Newman  
 Timothy Patwell  
 Harriet Sandberg  
 Barbara Stadelberger  
 Glenn Vegezzi  
 Vivian Vogel  
 Sally White  
 Christa Zago

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 Carmen Green  
 Jim Oliveto  
 Justin Ortega  
 Jesse Fritz

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