



301 Faith Partners Service, February 28, 2021

Celebrating of the Transfiguration of Jesus

Participants may wish to prepare their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Introduction to service – Co-Pastor Jane, Mary of Magdala

Prelude – St. Paul’s Instrumental with graphics

Black Lives Matter Reflection

Tom Moos, co-chair Mary of Magdala, Social Justice Ministry

Pause to hold this message in our hearts.

Entrance Hymn (please join in with Bill while muted)

Send Your Glory Down

Verses



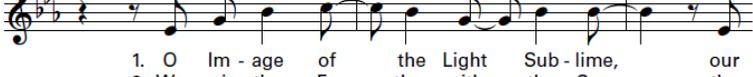
1. O Ra-diant Light Di - vine,
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, as day - light fades we
3. O Son of God, the source of life, we



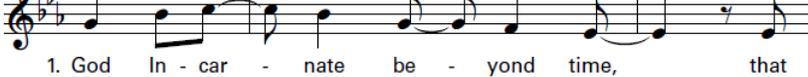
1. shine with - in this heart of mine;
2. give you thanks for all our days, the
3. give you praise both day and night, for



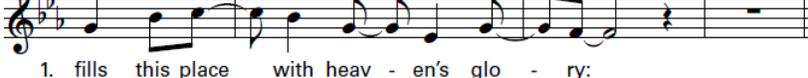
1. Word of God, dis - pel our dark - ness.
2. work, the toil, the pain, the glo - ry.
3. you are wor - thy and most ho - ly.



1. O Im - age of the Light Sub - lime, our
2. We praise the Fa - ther with the Son, the
3. Un - sul - lied lips must raise the strain of

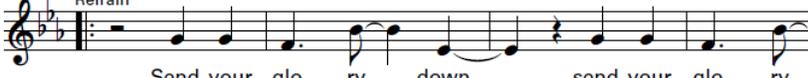


1. God In - car - nate be - yond time, that
2. Spir - it blest and with them one. We
3. your pro-claimed and splen - did name: the

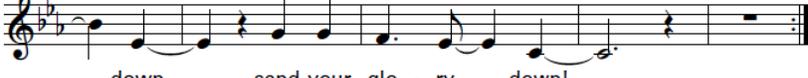


1. fills this place with heav - en's glo - ry:
2. stand u - nit - ed as your fam - 'ly.
3. Lamb of God, the King of Mer - cy.

Refrain



Send your glo - ry down, send your glo - ry



down, send your glo - ry down!

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Greeting *Pastor Jane, Mary of Magdala*

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

ALL: AMEN

May God, the blessed Holy Three, be with you

ALL: And also with you.

Good morning. Today we three communities celebrate together the mystery of the Transfiguration of Jesus, a mystery of humanity and divinity, a story of going up the mountain and back down with Jesus. This is the cost of discipleship

Penitential Rite - *Pastor Rick, Trinity*

May we increase our faith and hope as disciples of Jesus the Christ during this time of Lent, intending our Lenten commitment to ease global confusion.

Jesus, may we open our hearts to you each day with diminishing fear and anxiety because you are embodiment of the loving Oneness.

Jesus, have mercy.

ALL: Jesus, have mercy.

Christ, may we, men and women, release our attachment to things and attach more closely to you. Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, heal our personal, communal and cultural wounds of separation and bring us together in your Love.

Christ Jesus, have mercy.

ALL: Christ Jesus, have mercy.

May Jesus the Christ who revealed himself as the timeless answer ✕ bring us to wholeness and peace this day. **ALL: Amen**

Opening Prayer - *Deacon Katie, Trinity*

Let us pray to God, who gave us the example of Love in Jesus.

O compassionate and caring God, your Son Jesus embraces us in our weaknesses, speaks to us his message of hope, and sends us out with his own Word and Being.

In this way, we see the Divine Reality in all,

And now let us listen to the Word of God in our midst...

especially people who seek justice, equality and acceptance.

Help us to be your Body as Jesus teaches us to be, one with you in Love. We ask this through Christ Jesus.

ALL: AMEN



Liturgy of the Word Lector Paul Johnson, Trinity

1st Reading *You Come to Us in Broken Places*, a prayer for Transfiguration Sunday by Christine Jerrett.

God of glory,
you took your friends with you
when you went to pray on the mountain.
You revealed to them
the glory of Jesus,
your beloved Son,
on his way to the cross.
We do not live on mountaintops,
but we, too, would glimpse your glory
in the ordinary days of our lives,
and in the community of your Son
in which you have chosen to dwell.
We look for you among people who have
no power
no rights
no voice.
We look for you among those who

live on the streets of our city,
whose housing is inadequate,
whose homes are not safe.
We look for you among those who
grieve a past that is no more
and fear a future that seems full of loss.
God who meets us
in the broken places,
shine the light of Christ deep into our lives,
so we may carry that light into dark places
and point to the One
whose brokenness is our salvation.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – Lector Terry Birdsong, St Paul's

Psalm 58

The Response is: Awaken us to the oneness of all. **ALL: Awaken us to the oneness of all.**

Do leaders of the nations know what is right?
Or are their hearts set on power and fame?
Do we look to the Everlasting One, the Heart of all
hearts? In whom do we put our trust?

Response: Awaken us to the oneness of all.

Those in ignorance go astray, following idols of
illusion, erring in blindness, speaking lies full of
conceit and empty promises.

As the hunter with sweet bait lures the deer
with intent to kill, the arrogant feed
on those who are vulnerable and trusting.

Response: Awaken us to the oneness of all.

O Holy One, Creator of the Galaxies, open our
eyes. Draw back the curtain of ignorance!
Break through the walls of fear!
Let us be in the Divine Moment,
living with childlike trust and joy.

Response: Awaken us to the oneness of all.

Let us awaken to our birthright,
free to choose the creative path,
moving in harmony with the planetary song.
Awaken us to the interconnectedness of all
beings, to all that fly and swim,
to all that walk and crawl upon the earth!

Response: Awaken us to the oneness of all.

Tom: Advance to Slide 7

Those who know Love will rejoice
as the nations learn to cooperate,
as the peoples of Earth recover their true
heritage. People will say, "The time has come:
to choose peace and integrity
to journey together, with one another and God,
to journey with the Heart of the Universe."

Response: Awaken us to the oneness of all.



2nd Reading: Romans 8. 31-34 *Lector Cindy Cloyd, Mary of Magdala*

Sisters and Brothers,
What should be our response? Simply this:
If God is for us, who can be against us?"
Since God did not spare the Only Begotten,
but gave Christ up for the sake of us all,
we may be certain, after such a gift,
that God will freely give us everything.
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen
ones?

Since God is the One who justifies,
who has the power to condemn?
Only Christ Jesus, who died—or rather,
was raised—and sits at the right hand of God,
and who now intercedes for us!

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Chant - Bill Smith and Lynn Barnes, Mary of Magdala
Create in Me a Pure Heart

Gospel Reading - Mark 9. 2-10 - Deacon Rosean, Mary of Magdala

God is with you.
A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him
and led the up a high mountain so they could be
by themselves.

There, Jesus was transfigured in their presence.
The clothes Jesus wore became dazzling,
radiant with a brightness different
from what any earthly bleacher could make.
Then Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses,
and they spoke with Jesus.

Then Peter said, "Rabbi, it's good for us to be
here.
Let's make three tents, one for you, one for
Moses,
and one for Elijah."
Peter didn't know what he was saying.
The disciples were all terrified.

All: And also with you.
All: Glory to you, O God.

Then a cloud appeared, casting its shadow over
them.
From out of the cloud there came a voice:
"This is my Beloved, my Own, listen to this One!"
Suddenly, when they looked around,
they saw no one with them anymore—only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain,
Jesus instructed them not to tell anyone
what they had seen until the Chosen One
had been raised from the dead.
They kept Jesus' words, and their experience,
to themselves questioning
what "rising from the dead" could mean.
The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ.
ALL Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Children's Message Homily *Pastor Rick, Trinity*

Homily – *Laurie Gudim, St Paul's*



Our Lenten Creed *(please join in with Pastor Felicia while muted)*

Creed from Inclusive Worship Aids by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

In truth, we profess our faith together:

We believe in God who is creator and nurturer of all. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who is our love, our hope, and our light.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of Wisdom Sophia, who energizes and guides us to build caring communities and to challenge oppression, exploitation, and injustices. We believe that God loves us passionately and forgives us everything.

We believe that we are radiant images of God who calls us to live fully, love tenderly, and serve generously.

We believe in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends, who support us on life's journey. We believe in the partnership and equality of women and men in our church and world.

We believe that all are one in the Heart of God.

We believe that women's liberation is human liberation. Here we dwell in loving relationships. Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel equality.

Amen

Prayers of the People *- Deacon Katie, Trinity*

Guided by the Spirit, who made herself known to us, let us together pray for the this community of faith, the church, the world, and all those in need. The response is Hear our Prayer: **ALL: Hear our prayer.**

The holy mysteries of this world continue to baffle us. Enfold each one of us with awe at your power and grace, and continue to show us shown us how to live as your faithful children. When we lose sight of your truth, forgive our short-sightedness and ignorance. In this space with our 301 Faith Partners, change us from fear to boldness, so that each one of us daily lives to proclaim your gospel to all, and equip us to take on a new future.

Transforming God, **ALL: Hear our prayer**

As we trek the mountain together, we lift up those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, for

attorneys and advocates, for civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world. Transforming God, **ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes we must let go in order to heal fully. Release us from past fixations, grievances, and regrets. For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for Mary of Magdala, St. Paul's Episcopal, and Trinity Lutheran, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us. Transforming God, **ALL: Hear our prayer**

We lift up those to you from our congregations: those in need of healing and the saints who have gone before us We invite all to add their prayers to the chat feature. *(Read from chat).*

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus. **ALL: Amen.**



Sign of Peace *Deacon Katie*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our failings and doubts, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kin(g)-dom where you live for ever and ever

All: Amen

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us unmute, go to Gallery view, and share a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Meditation *Trinity: Ken Christensen & Carrie Hansen*

There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain; but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all".

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of our Tables Here and At Home *Deacon Rosean*

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink from our cupboards, we are reminded that our offerings of time, talent, and treasure sustain the

mission of God's Church. Please continue to give as you are called and able.

Presentation of Bread and Wine:

Deacon Rosean

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Pastor Felicia:

Blessed are you, God, the central core of all creation. Through your goodness we have bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink. **All: Blessed be God forever**

Pastor Rick

O God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with our sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.



Pastor Rick

O, God, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pastor Rick:

Pray, my beloved sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to our loving Mother/Father.

ALL: May our God, the Holy One, accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's Church.

Prayer Over the Gifts *Deacon Katie*

Jesus, you invite us to share this table as family. As Jesus welcomes and hears us, and fills us with nourishment now, may we learn from Jesus to be people of graced-filled will and action, being commissioned as emissaries of the Light of the World, the Good News.

Fill us with your mysterious unconditional love for all we meet and for this planet, our home.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.

ALL: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer *Pastor Jane*

The Holy One is with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God.

All: And also with you

All: We lift them up to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for all of us and all creation throughout time and space were, are, and will be birthed and sustained as living through your love. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you.

All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For the life of Jesus informs our living: his compassion which contradicts our prejudices and generalities, his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life-breathing compassion and forgiveness, we praise you, eternal G-d and worship the Christ. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts,

heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

Here too our gratitude rises, for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your Goodness.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Among friends, gathered round a table,

He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my Body, ** which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of



the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Setting our wisdom, our wills, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing Christ offers us, and look toward the work Christ asks of us.

May your Holy Spirit, in the name of the Triune

God, rest on us in communion with Mary, the Mother of God, Mary of Magdala, St. Paul, Peter, James and John and all your saints throughout the ages.

Convert us, Holy Spirit, from the patterns of this passing world, until we are forged in the blazing Light of Jesus, whose food we now share and whose Body and Blood we now become.

ALL: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Prayer of Jesus

Deacon Rosean

Knowing that we are in the hands of God, we pray with the fullest trust the prayer of Jesus himself:

(All to Join in on mute)

Our Amma/Abba God in heaven, holy be your name, your kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. All: Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Felicia

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have

mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Pastor Jane

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy we eat your body and drink your blood. May it bring us health in mind and body.

Communion

Deacon Rosean:

Joyful are we who are called to this meal. We pray together in unity with those gathered at their tables and with all the saints and holy ones of all time.

Pastor Jane

Here is the risen Christ whose Spirit gathers us together. This is, and we are, the Body of Christ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to



His supper. Please come and take the Body of Christ into yourself.

All: Jesus, I am worthy to receive you because you have said the word and I am healed.

Pastor Jane

In this we are a Eucharistic People, the body of Christ Incarnate, blood of Christ poured out for the life of the World.

Please send a moment now, receiving God's Grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

Communion Meditation *Bill Smith. Mary of Magdala*

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Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness.



Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.



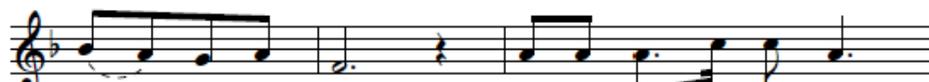
Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.



1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show-ing me
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead-ing the way, tak - ing me



1. all that I must see. }
2. where I must go. } On-ward to the king-dom,



1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.



You know my heart and you know my ways, you who



formed me in my moth-er's womb. I live and move in you,



my whole be - ing thrives in you.



Prayer after Communion *Pastor Rick*

Let us pray...

Ever Faithful, Compassionate God, today we celebrate the feast of your Transfiguration.

Jesus wants to stay in human form through us, his disciples. May we offer to those around us be that which Jesus freely gives us; divine guidance, compassion, reconciliation and acceptance.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing

Deacon Rosean

In this celebration of Word and Eucharist, Jesus the Christ, our hope, speaks to us in truth and in Love. Bowing our heads, let us ask for God's blessing that we may live our call.

Pastor Felicia:

May almighty God bless you in the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ our Savior and Friend, and Holy Spirit, Sophia, our wisdom and guide. **ALL: Amen**

Dismissal *Deacon Kati*

Go in peace to love and serve as you are called.

ALL: Thanks be to God



Closing Song -*St. Paul's Choir*

How Can I Keep From Singing

Traditional Quaker Song -- Arranged by Mark Schweizer; St. James Music Press

My life goes on in endless song
Above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Although the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble sick with fear
And hear their death knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near
How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled
How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest roundly roars,
I hold the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Postlude

O Zion, Haste

by James Walch; arr. Roger House Paul Falk-piano 2003 The FJH Music Company, Inc, 1986 Roger House