



Transfiguration

February 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Triptych on "O Love, How Deep"

Mark Sedio

OPENING SENTENCES

It is good for us to be here,

Though we are weighed down with sleep.

We have seen his glory,

And we are overshadowed and terrified.

From the cloud above a voice says, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him."

And we kept silent, astounded at the greatness of God.

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Dazzling Lord, reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to share 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Psalms 36:5-10

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

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

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 9:28-45

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus 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.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands. ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Ask the Complicated Questions”

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather our prayers using a sung response from the new supplement to the ELW “All Creation Sings.”

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God’s creation.

Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God;

come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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Music: South African melody, arr. Welile Sigabi
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Each petition concludes:
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✚ keep you in peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Fauré

Fauré entered the École Niedermeyer – school of church music – in Paris at the age of nine in 1854. Studying under Camille Saint-Saëns, he received the first prize for composition in 1865 for his setting of the text by dramatist/poet Jean Racine (1639-1699). Aside from his “Requiem” it is likely Fauré’s most popular choral work.

“Cantique de Jean Racine” was recorded virtually by the Central Lutheran Church Choir. Members recorded their voices from their individual homes, which were then mixed together with piano accompaniment. In this way, the choir sings together even while being physically apart.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Prelude No. 11, from *24 Liturgical Preludes*

Gaston Litaize

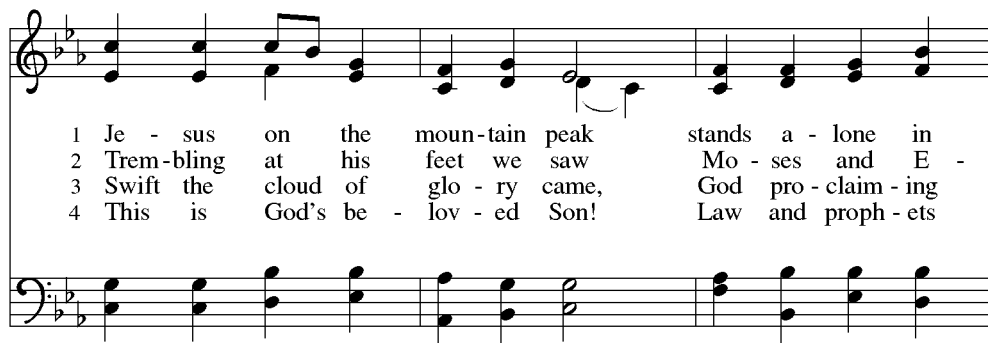
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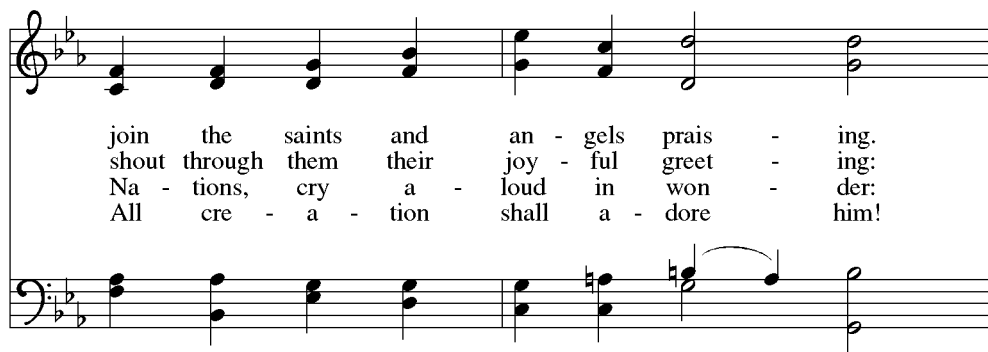
Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law
 in its thun - der. Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Ask the Complicated Questions



1. Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques-tions. Do not fear to__ be found out;
2. Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers, fol - low where the__ Spir - it blows;
3. Knock on doors of__ new i - de - as, test as - sump - tions long grown stale,
4. For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er truth both sim - ple__ and pro - found;



for our God makes strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in__ fires of doubt.
test com - pet - ing truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion__ new life grows.
for Christ calls from shores of won - der, dar - ing us__ to__ try and fail.
in the knock-ing, ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Mjorlin, b. 1984

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