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The Transfiguration of the Lord by D. Nolle c. 1694

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

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Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God’s Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His “departure,” as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His “house,” the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, “the Lord our God is holy!”

Pre-service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:35; Psalm 99:9

P Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

C **And we are His house.**

P "This is My Son, My Chosen One;

C **listen to Him!"**

P Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at His holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

1. Did you feel the mountains tremble

Did you hear the oceans roar

When the people rose to sing of

Jesus Christ the risen One

Did you feel the people tremble

Did you hear the singers roar

When the lost began to sing of

Jesus Christ the saving One

And we can see that God You're moving

A mighty river through the nations

And young and old will turn to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates

Prepare the way of the risen Lord **CHORUS**

CHORUS: Open up the doors

and let the music play

Let the streets resound with singing

Songs that bring Your hope

Songs that bring Your joy

Dancers who dance upon injustice

2. Do you feel the darkness tremble

When all the saints join in one song

And all the streams flow as one river

To wash away our brokenness

And here we see that God You're moving

A time of jubilee is coming

When young and old return to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates

Prepare the way of the risen Lord **CHORUS**

Confession and Absolution 1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, merciful Father,

C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us for our spiritual blindness, and renew our faith in You alone.**

P Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the I -Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Ps. 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: Ps. 84:4

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 99

¹The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

⁴The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1–6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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 as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.

³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - oved val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

Sermon – “The Transfiguration of Jesus and What it Really Means!”

1. The Season of Epiphany focuses on how Jesus reveals Himself.
 - a. The Gospel lessons up until now reveal Jesus’ power through what He did.
 - b. Transfiguration Sunday we focus on who Jesus really is, not with things He did, but simply by who He is, showing His divine glory.
2. This historical moment of Jesus’ transfiguration isn’t just for us **to know** of His glory... along with these three disciples we get a glimpse of the glory that awaits those Believers who die in the true faith!
3. Mountain top experiences are wonderful and can be life changing, but they aren’t God’s ultimate goal for us.
 - a. Like Peter, so many people focus on the wrong things as the most important things regarding faith and church-life.
 - b. So many disregard putting solid Biblical teaching and doctrine first and foremost, putting experiential feelings first instead of putting truth and solid doctrine first.
 - c. Exciting moments don’t often last long... and actually can become the new hum-drum norm.
 - d. Basing our relationship with God Almighty should not be based on feelings that can come and go.
4. The ultimate meaning of the mountaintop experience of the Transfiguration is found in the experience on another mount... mount Calvary. It’s only through understanding the ugly and vile shame of the cross can we then understand the meaning of the glory of Jesus’ Transfiguration.
5. The topic Jesus, Elijah and Moses spoke of was Jesus’ departure (His “Exodus”) that would take place in Jerusalem (His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension)
6. Feelings, emotions, and excitement are part of who we are and our faith journey.
 - a. **But** we don’t base our faith upon what we feel.
 - b. Our faith is based on and rooted in the historical reality of God in flesh loving us so much, and coming to us, suffering and dying for our sin, conquering death by rising from the grave.
7. When our faith is somehow based on feelings and emotions, as we look for excitement, we fall into the deadly trap of us taking the reins and responsibility for part or even all of our faith... and miss or even reject what God the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives...
8. Thank God for the staying-power of the cross. Thank God for the staying power in your baptism. These are things God alone has done.

Nicene Creed

- ☑ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
 begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various needs.

Moses was the leader of God's people as they sojourned from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. O Holy Spirit, raise up people to govern their nation freely and justly. Give them courage to enact laws that protect all who live within their borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The Israelites had to deal with the tribes already in the Promised Land. Around the world today, good Lord, guide and protect firefighters, first responders, and all those who go in harm's way in their communities. Accompany and protect armed forces deployed across the globe wherever nations are in conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The three disciples on the mountain "were heavy with sleep." Surround people who are tired, poor, sick, or lonely with faith-filled medical personnel, friends, and family who seek to meet their needs. We pray especially for those near and dear to us. Use us as part of Your answers to their prayers, heavenly Father, to bring about strength, health, security, and companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You accompanied the disciples as they returned to the others. Be among Your Church as it gathers anywhere around Word and Sacrament. Bless Your Church and give Your people courage and opportunity to spread the news of Your death for our sins and Your resurrection on the third day for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your gracious hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Lift Up Your Hearts

- P** The Lord be with you **C** **And also with you**
- P** The Lord be with you **C** **And also with you**
- P** Lift up your hearts

All Sing
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks
To the Lord our God
It is right to give Him
Thanks and praise

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, and how marvelous is all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Receive our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, and finally grant us our place among Your saints in glory. We ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

The Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Communion

Just as I Am, without One Plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Offering – DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Farewell to Alleluia Luke 9:36

P Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disciples “kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.” Because we know about our Lord’s resurrection, we cannot keep silent, but during the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Postlude Music

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