

# Risen Christ Lutheran Church Transfiguration Sunday Worship February 11, 2024 9:30am

# REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP FOLDER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.



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

Risen Christ Lutheran Church 46250 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170 734.453.5252 www.risenchrist.info **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 takin g 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 Non-Alcoholic Wine 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

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**As We Gather –** Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: "Listen to Him."

**Preservice and Postlude Music** by Jennifer Kirk

**Welcome and Announcements** 

# Call to Worship - Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy Holy is He Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

CHORUS: Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be to You the only wise King **CHORUS** 

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of your name Jesus your name is power, breath and living water Such a marvelous mystery Yeah... CHORUS

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#### Invocation and Opening Psalm 99:1–5

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **G** Amen.

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

#### for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

#### He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

#### he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

#### Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

#### You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

#### Holy is he!

### 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.

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

for the LORD our God is holy!

# Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

> 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Psalm 99:4, 9

- The King in His might loves justice.
- You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

- **P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
- for the LORD our God is holy!

Silence for reflection.

- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **G** Amen.

# Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- 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**

Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>When 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. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever 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, <sup>35</sup>the 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.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm Psalm 50:1–6

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

<sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

5"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

**Epistle** 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not 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. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But 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. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

#### **Beautiful Savior**

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

3. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Verse Psalm 45:2a

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

Holy Gospel Mark 9:2–9

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

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>After 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And 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." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And 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.





# **Transfiguration Sunday Message – Outline**

- 1) "And it came to pass. It didn't come to stay!"
- 2) How different would we respond to events if we could get a peek at the end of the story?
- 3) Uncertainty can wear us down big time!

4) In the midst of whatever we go thru on this side of Heaven, looking to the cross, keeping to the basics of our faith, learning and clinging to Jesus' promises grinds and refocuses our spiritual lenses, renews our strength, realigns our goals, directs our paths, guides our feet... I proclaim to you that God has all of your tomorrows in His hands as He holds your hand!

#### I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

1. I don't know about tomorrow
I just live from day to day
I don't borrow from its sunshine
For its skies may turn to gray
I don't worry o'er the future
For I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him
For He knows what is ahead

Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand But I know who holds tomorrow And I know who holds my hand

- 5) The Gospel reading today gives a glimpse at the end of the story to Peter, James, and John.
- 6) Without the pain, suffering, and death of Jesus, redemption doesn't exist.
- 7) Thank God we, like these disciples, aren't just written off because of struggling with faith.
- 8) Because of Christ, sin, death, and the grave don't get the final say in your life!
- 9) No matter what the world teaches and says, Jesus Christ is the one and only way to salvation.
- 10) The way of Christ is the way of the cross.
- 11) Jesus <u>never</u> leaves you to fend for yourself, and He <u>never</u> gets you started on this journey and then abandons you.
- 12) No matter the obstacles and trials you face, all of your tomorrows are in His hands as He hold your hand!
  - 2. Ev'ry step is getting brighter
    As the golden stairs I climb
    Ev'ry burden's getting lighter
    Ev'ry cloud is silver-lined
    There the sun is always shining
    There no tear will dim the eye
    At the ending of the rainbow
    Where the mountains touch the sky
    Many things about tomorrow
    I don't seem to understand
    But I know who holds tomorrow
    And I know who holds my hand

3. I don't know about tomorrow
It may bring me poverty
But the One who feeds the sparrow
Is the One who stands by me
And the path that is my portion
May be through the flame or flood
But His presence goes before me
And I'm covered with His blood
Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand

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#### **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 + of the world to come. Amen.

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# **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- P For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy, **(C)** hear our prayer.
- P For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- P For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying, and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- For this altar and those who commune here and for our unity of faith, our fellowship as the baptized, and our witness and service to others in Christ's name; Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Heart of Worship

And I simply come

Longing just to bring something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song

For a song in itself is not what You have required

You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear

You're looking into my heart

2. King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath
I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

CHORUS: I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

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#### **Preface**

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

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### The 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."

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.
- 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:
- 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.

#### Pax Domini

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

#### Communion

#### Lamb of God

 Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. CHORUS

CHORUS: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,

I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood,

My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2. Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. <u>CHORUS</u>

**3.** I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **CHORUS** 

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#### **Above All**

Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all

# Litany on Alleluia

- "Alleluia," said the prophets of old; G Christ is coming; prepare His way.
- P "Alleluia," said angels and shepherds; C Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come to earth.
- P "Alleluia," said the Magi from the East;
- Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.
- P "Alleluia," said the Baptizer John;
- Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- P "Alleluia," said the servants and disciples;
- Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.
- P "Alleluia," said the people;
- Christ is Messiah; fulfilled of God's promise and the prophets' word.
- (P) "Alleluia," said the fishermen; (C) Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.
- P "Alleluia," said the sick and suffering;
- Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.
- P "Alleluia," said the students; C Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.
- P "Alleluia," said Moses and Elijah;
- Christ is God; the Light of Light has come to shine on us the love from on high.
- P "Alleluia," said the apostles, standing on the mountain high;
- Christ is shining; in this glory let us stay.
- P "Alleluia," said the Savior, "Christ means suffering";
- Down the mount the Lord must go and meet the death that awaits Him in the valley below.
- "Alleluia," bids the Savior, "follow Me and be not afraid";
- Christ reveals greater glory hidden in the cross and grave; there we find salvation's story and there we find the hope which saves.

#### I Will Rise

1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

CHORUS: (And) I will rise
when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

2. There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes **CHORUS** 

BRIDGE: And I hear the voice
of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb
(REPEAT)
Worthy is the Lamb

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