

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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### GENEROSITY THOUGHTS FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

**Luke 9:36** – “**And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.**” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him, and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

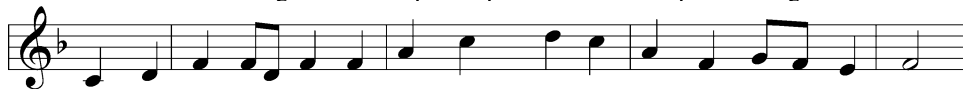
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OPENING HYMN

416 *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 - owed 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.

INVOCATION, OPENING SENTENCES *Matt 28:19b, [18:20]; Heb 10:22; Ps 124:8, 32:5*

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 20:19-23*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
 △ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

INTROIT *Ps. 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4*

**P:** Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
 ever singing your praise!

**C: How lovely is your dwelling place,  
 O LORD of hosts!**

**P:** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**C: Behold our shield, O God;  
 look on the face of your anointed!**

**P:** 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.

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

KYRIE & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Mark 10:47*

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You alone are holy; You alone are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are the most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

P: 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

Then 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, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And 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." So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and 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. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And 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.

And 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. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none 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, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

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

**C: The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

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

**C: 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;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!

**C: Moses 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.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING ..... Hebrews 3:1–6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For 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. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.                      **C: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING ..... Luke 9:28–36

P: Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

**C: grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now 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. And 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. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And 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.

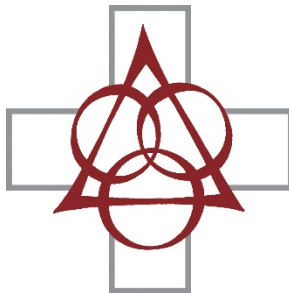
**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

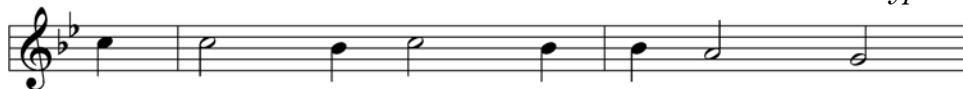
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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.**



HYMN

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



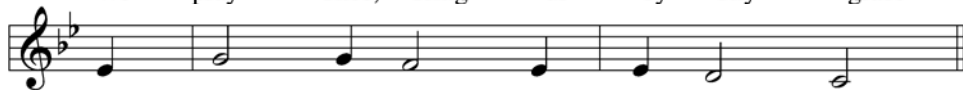
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 Δ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

SERMON

OFFERING, FELLOWSHIP PAD

*Let us know you're here! Fill out the fellowship pad at the end of the pew towards the center aisle.*

OFFERTORY

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your spirit. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: ... let us pray to the Lord, **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*(Prayers end with)*

P: ... Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and to the end of the ages. **C: Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE, SANCTUS, & THE LORD'S PRAYER *2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Ps. 136*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: An with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE WORDS OF OUR LORD & PAX DOMINI

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

*A NOTE TO VISITORS*

*We make use of the practice of close(d) communion. If you are not a member of a confessing Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation or a partner church, please feel comfortable to remain in the pew and join in our prayer for the day when all divisions cease in Chrst's body.*

*PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*“O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*For a list of Questions and Answers to help you prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper, turn to page 329 in your hymnal.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

**C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your Word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



**BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**BURYING OF THE ALLELUIA**

**P:** Having seen the glory of the Lord on the Mount of Transfiguration, the shadow of the cross now looms ever near. As the Season of Light comes to an end, we 'bury' the Alleluia, our word of praise, to reflect the somber mood of Lent. In Lent we part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, with much anticipation at the joy of its return. The Alleluia will be "buried" in a chest and placed under the altar, as an ever present reminder throughout Lent that though it is hidden, it is not gone forever. Following our hymn, the Alleluia will remain buried until it bursts forth triumphantly out of the grave during the Easter Vigil as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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