



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Transfiguration of the Lord | February 14, 2021

NOTE:

**For this Service of Communion,
you'll want to set up your worship space with some bread or crackers,
and some kind of juice.**

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Bill Ingrim

SPC Handbell Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Come, let us go to the holy mountain

and worship Christ with the disciples!

We will see Christ transformed before us.

We will see our lives transformed before Christ.

Come, let us go to the holy mountain

and worship the Son of God.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:

thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;

thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of transformation,
you make new life where there was old,
dazzling light where there were shadows,
peace where there was violence,
and friends where there were enemies.

Forgive us, O God,

**when we stand in the way
of your transformative love.**

Forgive us, O God,

**when we do not show
how we have been changed
by the power of your great kindness.**

Call us to the mountain once more,

**and send us out to be witnesses
of your transformative grace.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The one who calls light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and transformed!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

VERSE OF PRAISE AND THANKS (*verse three*)

***Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!***

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt. TUNE: Welsh folk melody. P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-45

SERMON

“Prepare for Arrival”

Rev. Laura Viau

***Christ, stay with us on the mountain, for our hearts beat fast with fear
while a mighty Voice that, thund'ring, brings God's majesty too near;
"Know this man who stands before you is the Christ, my Son, my own!
Listen, when you hear him call you, 'Follow me and me alone!"***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

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... and to gather around the table.

**It's different to be sitting in many places,
with our own supplies;
being bound together, not through proximity,
but by bits and bytes and cables.**

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Drink this cup in remembrance of me.

**We are ready to join this meal
of remembrance, of communion, of hope.
Let us break bread together.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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... to guide your people in the way of life
that you intend for all.

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... as he really is:

**your Chosen and Beloved,
our Lord and our God.**

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Now pour out your Holy Spirit, O God.

**Let our lives shine with light of Christ—
send us, to proclaim the gospel;
stir us, to stand and work for justice and peace
until your realm of glory comes.**

... in the unity of your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Now, let us pray the family prayer, saying:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors' and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking and Pouring

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These are Gifts from God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Shall we eat and drink together?

Communion

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We have shared a meal together.

**Even while we remain physically separated,
we have been united in our souls.**

Prayer

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shines with God's own Light again!"

Amen.

HYMN

Christ, Stay with Us on the Mountain

ODE TO JOY

Jesus, send us to the valley where the road through suff'ring leads.

There we meet your anguished people; there your world from violence bleeds.

Give us courage, when we falter, not to shrink from pain or loss.

Jesus, grant us, as we follow, strength to bear with you the cross. (Interlude)

***Christ, transfigured on the mountain, Christ, who walked the earth to save!
Christ, the Son of God in glory, Christ, who took the form of slave!
Help the church, your living Body, share with you Love's cost and pain;
till the world, restored, transfigured, shines with God's own Light again!***

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