

## Transfiguration, 2021, Order of Worship

**Greeting** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 50:1-6)** The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

**Confession and Forgiveness for Lent** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, Augsburg Fortress, p. 100)

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion. Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow, in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails; the promise rests on grace. By the saving love of Jesus Christ, and by the eternal mercy and power of God, your sins are forgiven. God remembers them no more! Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven* (public domain) ELW 864, HP 2392

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

**The Kyrie** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. For all these things we pray: Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, the dazzling light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### **Children's Time—Burying Alleluia!**

**A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter (4:3-6)** The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out our Lord's work, but on Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the Light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 91). *See the light! See the glory!*

Paul writes, **Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.** Word of God, word of life.

**Alleluia** *Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

**The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter (9:2-9), Sermon** (page 5)

**Hymn of the Day** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* (public domain) LBW 157, ELW 393, HP 1501

*A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give us your joy on earth, O Lord, in heav'n to be our great reward.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*When throned with you forever we shall praise your name eternally.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**Prayers** (from *Sundays and Seasons*, 2020, p. 91)

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord of all, we pray for the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we pray for sun, moon, and stars; for life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; for mountains, clouds, and storms; for all creatures seen and unseen; and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of governance, we pray for those responsible for safety and protection; for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they may witness to mercy and justice throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, bearer of burdens, we pray for those who suffer this day, that Christ our healer may transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, grief into consolation, and suffering into peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, we pray for companions on life's journey in this worshiping community; for loved ones who cannot be with us this day; and for guidance during struggles we face, that your glory may be revealed around and among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of Resurrection, we give thanks for the covenant you made with us in the waters of baptism, and for those who have died in the Lord. Bestow your comfort on all who grieve for lost ones. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: **Our Father, who art .... Amen.**

**Benediction:** May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. **Amen.**

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**Closing Hymn**     *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (public domain)

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*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."*

*Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee for mercy to your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, earth's redeemer, hear our plea.  
Where the songs of all the faithful sweep across the crystal sea.*

**Dismissal**     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
                          **Thanks be to God!**