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**Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME** to Sunday Worship! May the joy, peace and holy wonder of the Incarnation be yours.

**THANK YOU** for joining us in our efforts to gather in safe and healthy ways by sanitizing your hands upon entry and maintaining social distance from those not in your household. Masks are recommended, except when eating or drinking.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated in this worship service. All who desire to receive God's gifts of love, forgiveness, and grace through the presence of Jesus in bread and wine are welcome to participate. At the direction of an usher, proceed to receive the bread and continue to the tray of cups filled with wine (red) or grape juice (white). Place the empty cup in the available basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO GATHER** in the undercroft following today's service for refreshments, fellowship, and conversation.

**OFFERINGS** to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the church as you enter or leave. Electronic giving is also available at this link: <https://bit.ly/3pciNG9>



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Indicates congregation is to stand*

**Bold Print = Congregational Responses**

### ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The organ music this morning reflects the majesty of Jesus on the mountain peak by grabbing our attention and forcing us to "Look!" or "Listen!". The *Prelude and Fugue in E minor*, sometimes called the 'Cathedral', is an early Bach piece which is great fun to play and really gets one's attention with lots of big chords and an active pedal part. Emma Lou Diemer is a modern classical composer born in 1927, and her *Contrasts* is also an attention-getting piece with lots of martial chords and is also great fun to play!

Today the choir is singing two movements from the *Holden Evening Prayer* by Marty Haugen, which we'll be singing on Thursday evenings during Lent. Like the many Haugen hymns in our hymnal, this music is easily singable while being quite tuneful in a gentle yet original way.

### PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in E minor - 'Cathedral'*

J. S. Bach

### WELCOME

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**  
**We have turned our faces away from your glory**  
**when it did not appear as we expected.**  
**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.  
Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, that we may  
bathe in the glory of your Son and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake, God forgives us all our sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**How Good, Lord, to Be Here!**



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "Glory to God". It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are scat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men."

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Music: Thomas Parfleckko, b. 1962  
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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

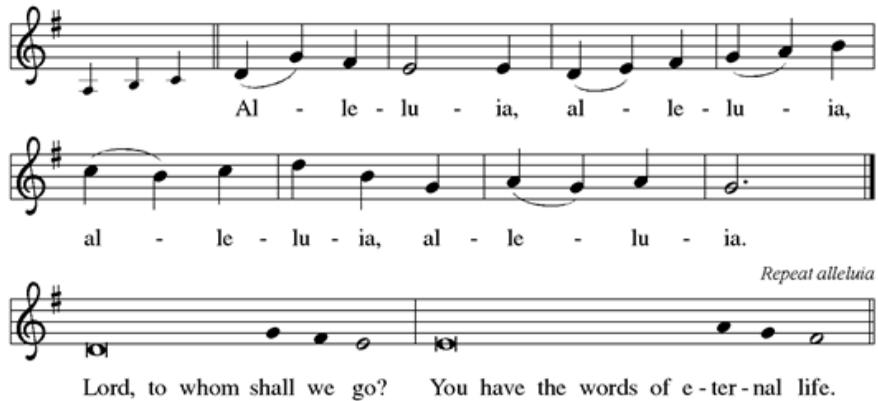
**2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <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 all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## \*GOSPEL

### Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" – not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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\*NICENE CREED

We are God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress especially those on our prayer list and those we hold in our hearts and those whose names we offer now... Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Worshippers may share a sign of peace with one another. Please refrain from touching those not in your household or moving about in the sanctuary)*

## \*OFFERTORY SONG

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a simple, melodic line with lyrics underneath. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,  
**Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.  
Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

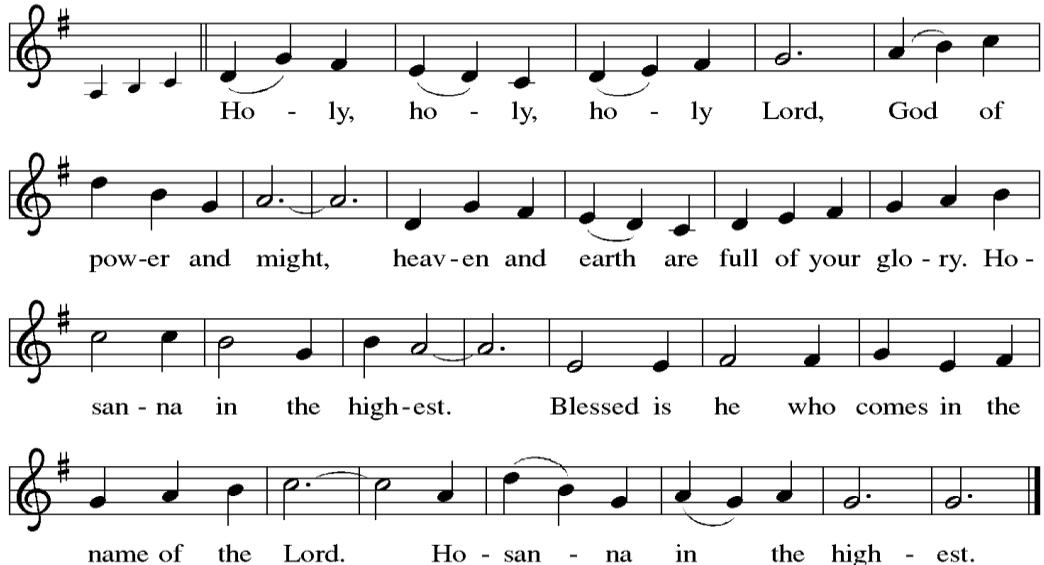
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy  
and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all  
people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will  
rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy  
Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, 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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Magnificat*

Marty Haugen  
(from Holden Evening Prayer)

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*SENDING HYMN

#### Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

### \*DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Contrasts*

Emma Lou Diemer

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preaching and Presiding:** Rev. LaDonna Thomas

**Music Director:** Ted Stoddard

**Crucifer:** Jay Carlo

**Reader:** Joanne Peterson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Anne Wheeler

**A/V:** David Rowe

**Altar Set-up:** Anne Wheeler

**Usher:** Barbara Olson

**Counters:** Dave Stowell and Nancy McKay

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022 is Ash Wednesday. Worship with the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at 12 Noon and 7:00 P.M.

### LENTEN MID-WEEK EVENING GATHERINGS

Plans are under way for mid-week evening gatherings on Thursdays, March 10 – April 7. The evening begins with soup and bread at 6:00 P.M. in the undercroft. Holden Evening Prayer and reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son begins at 6:45 P.M. in the sanctuary. We're looking for donations of crock pots of soup for each week. A sign-up sheet for donations is located in the undercroft and will also be available electronically from the FYI.

### PASTOR LADONNA'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays Noon – 2:00 P.M. and by appointment

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## **PRAYER LISTS**

**Please keep these people in your prayers for healing throughout the week:** Daneen R., Sonny M., Tasha R., Willy G., Brian D., Judith O., for a Family in need of prayers, Kathryn, Bob S., Liana W., Bruce G., Jim S., Judy M., John B., Judy R., Roger K., Ellen R., Barbara U., Doug G., Judy K., Dan W., Josh M., Dan W., John M., Mark R., Jinny C., Stan F., Ray R., Christine K., Luna C.

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