

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

Theme: The transfiguration of Jesus was one more event indicating that Jesus would be leaving the disciples soon (and leaving his work to them, too). Still they failed to understand; how like the disciples – how like us!

PRELUDE

Nocturne

F. Mendelssohn

Violin: Cathy Parker, viola: Brooke Parker, and cello: Claudia Fitzpatrick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your love reaches to the heavens, O God,

And your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your justice is vast and enduring.

No one is left out!

Everyone is sheltered in your wings.

Enjoying the fountain of life.

GATHERING SONG

Shine, Jesus Shine

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REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory:

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me: REFRAIN

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,

ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me: REFRAIN

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Almighty God, Your own followers did not always understand your words and deeds.**

Reveal yourself to us in the world, that we might reflect your glory and live as your beloved children.

Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

La Rejouissance

Handel

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FIRST READING

Psalm 36:5-10

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

Luke 9 28-45

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

**Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him, first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him! Alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Gracious God, **Hear our prayer**

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

...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.

BENEDICTION

Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh when the saints go marching in, Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want be in that number. When the saints go marching in

And when the sun refuse to shine, Oh when the sun refuse to shine
Oh Lord I want to be in that number. When the saints go marching in

Oh when the trumpet sounds its call, Oh when the trumpet sounds its call
Oh Lord I want to be in that number. When the saints go marching in

Oh when the saints go marching in, Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want be in that number. When the saints go marching in

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

Beethoven

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