

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Transfiguration of Our Lord



INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

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(Silence please for prayer and meditation)

PRELUDE

Morning Musical Meditations

Various

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

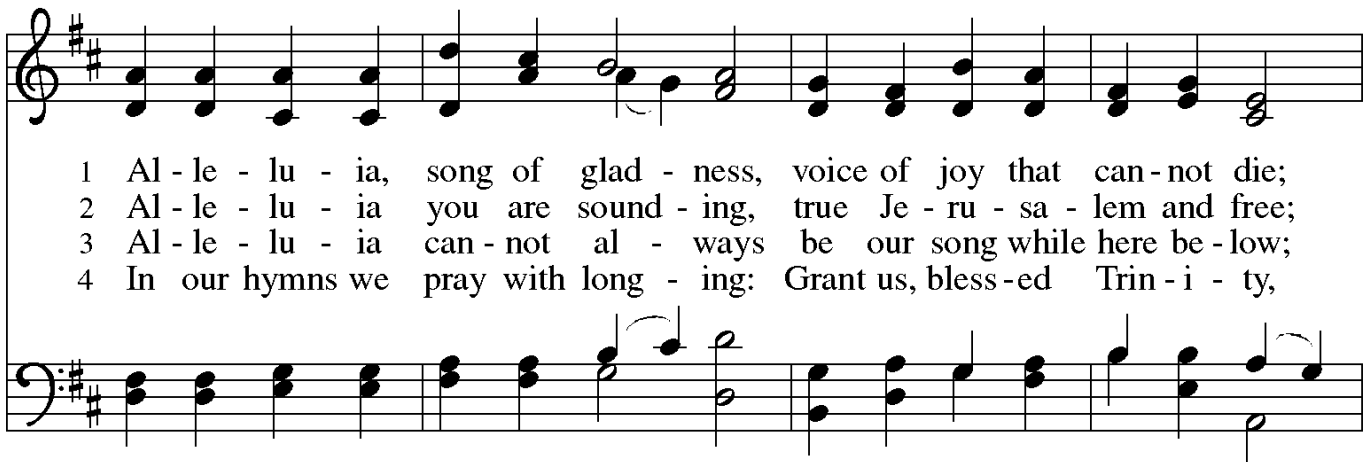
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Loving God,

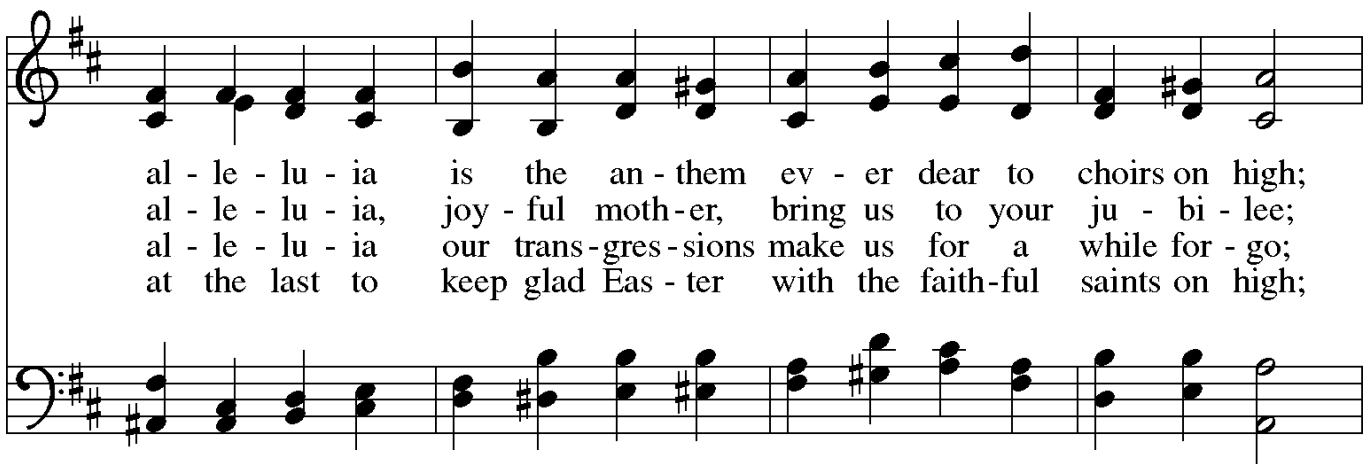
C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.


C Amen.



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

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

THE GATHERING

Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

KYRIE



▣ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ▣ 1. For the
▣ 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord:

▣ Help, save, and de -



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: ▣ A - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



C Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



earth.

earth.

earth.

Verse 1



I 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God,

C the resplendent 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

(Please be seated)

SHARED MINISTRY REMINDERS

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

A A reading from 2 Kings

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

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| SPECIAL MUSIC | 8:00 | “How Can I Keep from Singing”
Chancel Choir | Arr. W. Wilkin |
| | 11:00 | “All Because of Your Amazing Grace”
Voices of Faith | Arr. Cindy Berry |

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A A reading from 2 Corinthians

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Christopher D. Berry



(Please stand as you are able)

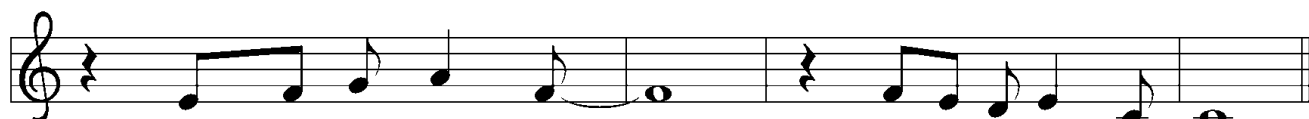
HYMN OF THE DAY

Change My Heart, O God

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Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with *"Let us pray"*, the congregation responds, *"have mercy, O God"*)

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

A **I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.**

GIFTS OF OFFERING

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. J. Raney

(Please sign the red welcome roster and pass it on as a ritual of friendship. Then pass it back noting the names of those you're worshiping with today.)

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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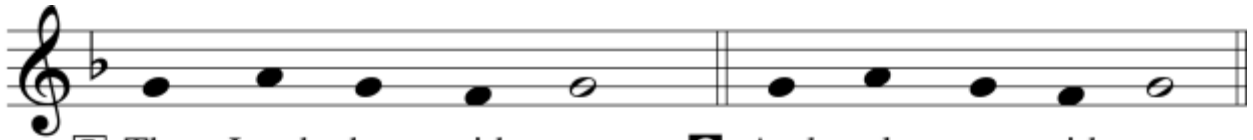
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



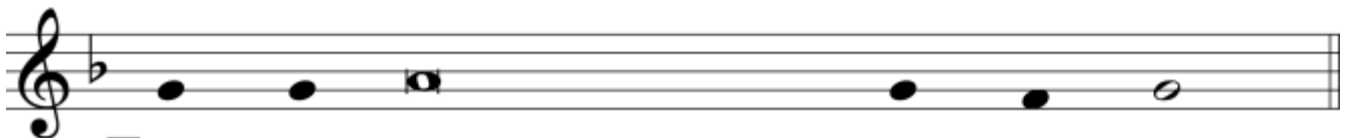
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who was given to the universe as a gift of grace and who calls us to lives of faith, always serving, always loving, constantly reforming. And so, with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy



C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,

God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to 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 welcome to outcasts and his eating with sinners, his own hunger and thirst, his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died.



Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, receive our prayers and praise as Jesus received the cries of the poor, and renew us by your Spirit, until your mercy mends all that sin has torn and we feast forever in the company of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - men!

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
(Abba is an intimate word used by Jesus to address his Father – as we might say, Daddy)

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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

P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.



Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, each corresponding to a different line of music.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
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The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, each corresponding to a different line of music.

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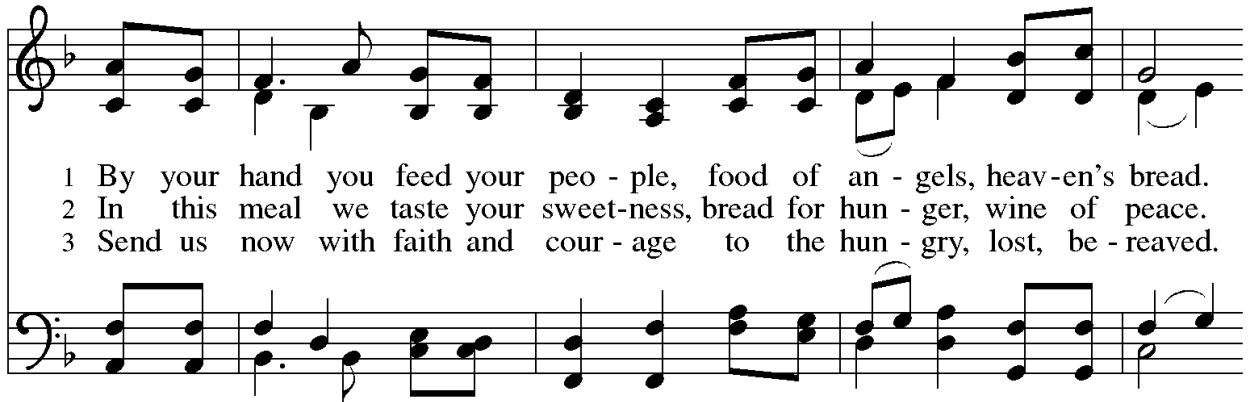
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in the same key as the previous sections. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in one part, corresponding to a single line of music.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the piece with a treble and bass staff in the same key as the previous sections. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in one part, corresponding to a single line of music.

By Your Hand You Feed Your People (Vs. 1 & 2)

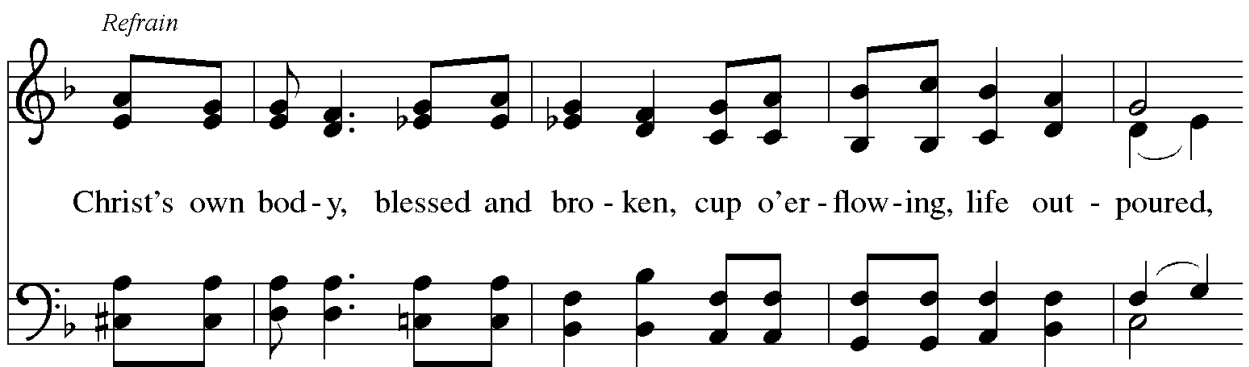


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

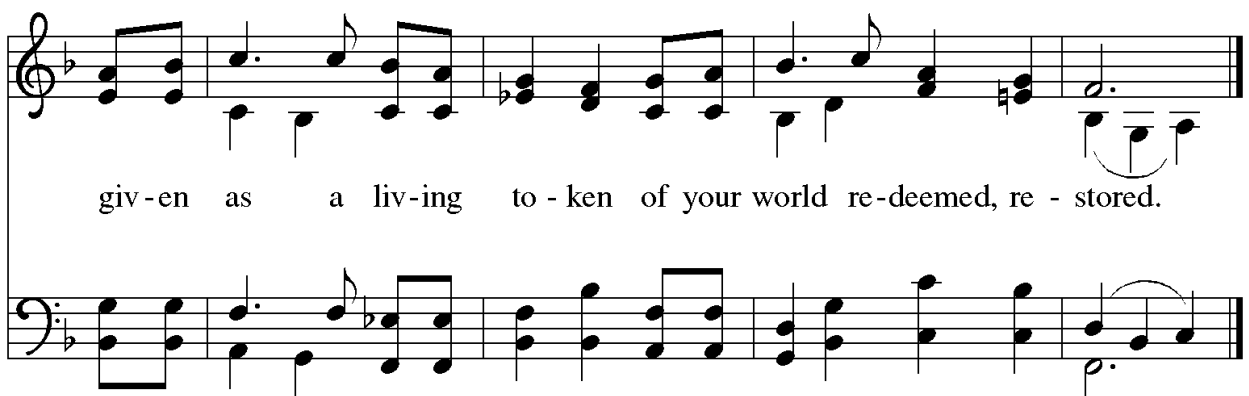


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Verse 3 only)



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple food of
2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for
3. Send us now with faith and cour - age to the



an - gels, heav - en's bread. For these gifts we did not
hun - ger, wine of peace. Ho - ly word and Ho - ly
hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. In our liv - ing and our



la - bor; by your grace have we been fed.
wis - dom, sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
dy - ing we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blest and bro - ken, Cup o'er -



flow - ing, life out - poured, giv - en as a liv - ing



to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,

C you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen



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!

1. 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**
2. 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**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

Arr. C. Tornquist

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Ministers: Sharon Blomquist

Lectors: James Msechu/Alessandra Tanfani

Greeters: Nan Broaddus, Val Bryan/Lorraine Wells, Sandie Wright

Altar Flowers: Joanne Auerbach

Altar Guild: Janet Ankley/Josie Freiberg

Communion: Sharon Blomquist, Betty Donelson, Emily Schnell/Sharon Blomquist, Gib Hertler, Karen Idler

Ushers: John Wickeraad, David & Tamara Crocker/Chuck Kurdupski, Nancy Bohnsack, Bob Fawcett

Refreshments: Marsh/Nitta

Helping Hands for February:

During the month of February we will collect non-perishable foods to support three local food banks – **Placer Food Bank, Orangevale Food Bank and the Sunrise Christian Food Closet**. These food banks provide food to single mothers, families, and seniors who are in need. These people all appreciate having someone assist them when they are hungry and down on their luck. All non-perishable foods are needed, especially *canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, canned chili, canned meals, boxed cereals, and canned meats such as tuna or chicken*. **It's as simple as picking up a labeled grocery bag in the Narthex or Faith Center**, filling it up, and bringing the bag back! Help us fill those shelves!

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NOTES ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12 - Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 - The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Mark 9:2-9 - Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

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Readings for next Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

We invite you to read these texts as you prepare for next Sunday's worship.

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK:

**Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs
Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.