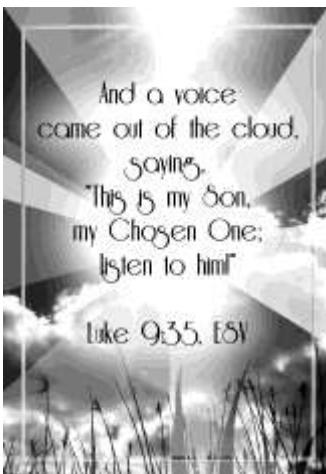


LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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Worship Focus

This is Jesus – First Glance of Final Glory



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OPENING HYMN

586 - O Splendor of God's Glory Bright



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright,
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love,
3 Teach us to work with all our pow'r
4 Oh, joy - ful be the live - long day,
5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,



You dai - ly bring forth light from light.
Come in your ra - diance from a - bove,
To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,
Our thoughts as pure as morn - ing ray,
All praise to Christ e - ter - nal - ly,



O Light from Light, light's foun - tain - spring,
And shed the Ho - ly Spir - it's ray
Let faith her ea - ger fires re - new
Our faith like noon - day's glow - ing height,
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



O Day, our days en - light - en - ing:
On all we think or do to - day.
And hate the false and love the true.
Our souls un - dimmed by shades of night.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: St. Ambrose, 340–97, abt., adapt.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Rev. ed., London, 1904, alt.
Tune: O HEILIGE DREIFALTIGKEIT (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, alt.

INVOCATION

- Minister** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- Congregation** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise:

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.**

**All creatures that have breath and motion, That fill the earth, the sea, and sky,
Now join me in my heart's devotion; Help me to raise his praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Express the wonders of his might. (242:1,3)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



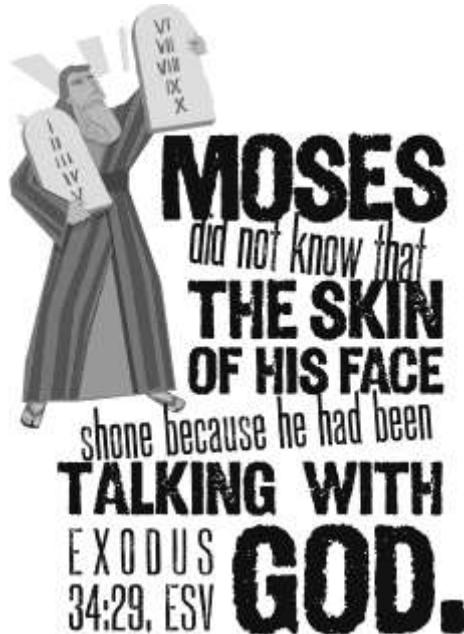
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

The glory of the Lord is radiant. After Moses was in the presence of the Lord to receive the law, his face shone so much that others were afraid of him.

EXODUS 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them.³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face.³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.



PSALM

Psalm 148

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Praise him, all his | angels,*
praise him, all his | heavenly hosts.

Praise him, | sun and moon,*
praise him, all you | shining stars. *Refrain*

Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his | bidding,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all | cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and | flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rul | ers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and | children.

Let them praise the name | of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the | heavens.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The glory of God still shines through the saving gospel message which is to be proclaimed by all preachers. Some, however, remain blinded to God's glory in unbelief.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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.

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

For a few brief moments, Jesus is transformed and lets his divinity shine through for his disciples and us to see and believe that he is the Lord of Glory.

LUKE 9:28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



HYMN OF THE DAY

97 - Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord, Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - ered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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 Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

SERMON

Luke 9:28-36

Pay Attention to What You Don't See

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

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MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of God, for the renewal of our faith and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our country, the president and all those in public office; for this parish and city, and for the faithful in them; for favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for all honorable vocations, businesses and industries, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For travelers, that they may be kept safe; for those who suffer for the sake of Christ; for those who defend our nation, those who labor for lawful order and those who work on behalf of the poor and the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer from illnesses of body or mind; for the healing grace of body and blood, that those who suffer may know God's strength, comfort and peace in their afflictions [*especially* _____]; and for the mercy of God to provide for all according to their need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For ears that pay attention to Your voice speaking through Your Word; for lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with faith and repentance; and for a sense of holy awe at the glory of God granted to us in the Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the fellowship of God's people gathered around the Word and table of the Lord; for the lonely, that they may rejoice in the community of faith; and for the homebound, that they be kept in prayer and sustained through the gracious visitation of God's people and their pastor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose have rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith. For to You, O Lord, belongs all honor and glory, worship and praise, blessed and eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and to the end of the ages. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

712 - Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

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THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

369 - Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904.
 Tune: SCHONSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.