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Worships God

February 14, 2021

Last Sunday after Epiphany/The Transfiguration of the Lord

Today's worship is online only

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Rejoice, the Lord is King (Darwall's 148th) arr. Jason Payne

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that, being strengthened by his grace, we may changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory.

But we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act in haste rather than wait for your Word.

Forgive our unwillingness to follow Jesus
to the mountaintop of prayer or the valley of service.

Grant us wisdom to live in your light, radiant from the face of our Lord. ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Ratisbon

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6 Unison

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks
and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth,

that he may judge his people.

“Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 75 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair Deo Gracias

The congregation sits.

Sermon Seen in a New Light Mike Krech

“And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.”
Mark 9:2b-3

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 474 O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright Puer Nobis Nascitur

Apostles’ Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory At the Name of Jesus (King’s Weston) Ralph Vaughan Williams

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 306 Fairest Lord Jesus Crusaders’ Hymn

After the three stanzas in the hymnal, we also sing:

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

The congregation sits.

Postlude Agincourt Hymn, by John Dunstable arr. E. Power Biggs

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today we conclude the Sundays after Epiphany with the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

This is an appropriate final lesson for the season of light. As we began with the light of a star

guiding the wise men to Jesus’ cradle, today that light is shining in the face of Jesus himself on

the mountaintop. Peter, James, and John are granted this vision of the glorified Christ, which is

intended to encourage their faith as the shadows arise when Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem

and takes up the cross. The Transfiguration can help sustain our faith during the coming season

of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, c. 1800; Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI; Joseph Barnby, 1868

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light,

Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;

Day-spring from on high be near; Day-star in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;

Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart, Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Fill me, radiancy divine; Scatter all my unbelief;

More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740;

Tune: RATISBON; Freylinghausen's *Gesangbuch*, 1704;

Rev. in Werner's *Choralebuch*, 1815; As in *Old Church Psalmody*, 1847

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

O wondrous sight, O vision fair Of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!

From age to age the tale declare, How with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elijah meet, The Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, Two chosen witnesses of grace;
The Father's voice from out the cloud Proclaims His only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Latin, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861;
Tune: DEO GRACIAS; "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

O splendor of God's glory bright, From light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, light's living spring, True day, all days illumining.

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, Shower down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day When thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
With faith like noontide shining bright, Our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see Our Savior and our God in Thee!

Text: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374; trans. composite, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985;
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR; Trier ms., 15th century;
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1902

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of
spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

Text: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; Trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850; alt.
Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN; Silesian folk melody, in *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842