

# ***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

**February 14, 2021    10:30 a.m.**



*The Transfiguration of Christ* ~ Earl Mott

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# Order of Worship

***Bells of Taizé***

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

ELW 631

Love, divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
 Pure and spotless let us be;  
 Let us see thy great salvation  
 Perfectly restored in thee!  
 Changed from glory into glory,  
 Till in heav'n we take our place,  
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

**Text:** Charles Wesley; **Music:** Rowland H. Prichard

## **Welcome and Opening Words**

### **Prayer of the Day**

LBW 76

Lord,  
 when you look on us in love,  
 there falls from God above  
 a ray of purest pleasure.  
 Let your mercy  
 warm and cheer us.  
 O, draw near us.  
 God's own love through you has reached us. **Amen.**

### ***Be Thou My Vision***

ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 Thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tow'r,  
Raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne; Music: Irish Traditional; arr. hymnal version.  
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## **Confession**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen  
and follow, who sends us to shine like stars. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We have turned from you and given ourselves over to other gods. We do not love you with our whole heart; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Hear the voice from Heaven:  
 You are my beloved. I strengthen the weary;  
 I give power to the powerless.  
 Your sins are forgiven.  
 Go forth in my name. **Amen.**

## ***As a Star, God's Holy Word***

LBW 75

As a star, God's holy Word  
 Leads us to our King and Lord;  
 Brightly from its sacred pages  
 Shall this light throughout the ages  
 Shine upon our path of life.  
 Shine upon our path of life.

**Text:** Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig; tr. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958, alt. **Music:** Danish

## II Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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.* Elijah 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*

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*not leave you.* So they came to Jericho. The 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.* Then 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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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.

When 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.*

He 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.* As 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. Elisha 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.

### **Gospel of Mark 9:2-9**

Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then 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.* He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, *This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!* Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As 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.

## **Sermon**

Pr. Kristine

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

ELW 315

How good, Lord, to be here!  
 Your glory fills the night;  
 Your face and garments, like the sun,  
 Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here!  
 Your beauty to behold  
 Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
 Your messengers of old.

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Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

**Text:** Joseph A. Robinson, alt. **Music:** W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

### **Prayers of the Church**

Sundays & Seasons

#### **Offering/Offertory**

*Create in Me*

ELW 188

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.

**Music:** J. A. Freylinghausen

## Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper



### HOLY COMMUNION

#### Invitation

Come, behold and receive your God.

#### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

### The Meal

**Communion Song**

*Silent Night*

Rhonda R.

## Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus,  
 at this table we have feasted on your very life  
 and are strengthened for the journey.  
 Send us forth from this banquet  
 nourished in body and in spirit  
 to proclaim your good news  
 and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

### *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW 834

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
 Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
 Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
 Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
 Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
 All laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**Text:** W. Chalmers Smith; **Music:** Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts

## Announcements

**Blessing**

LBW 76

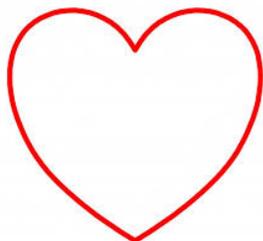
Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned.  
 Our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Great is he, the King of glory!

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember that you are God's messengers  
 to those near and far. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude***O Day Full of Grace*

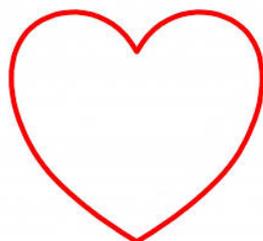
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## Lent 2021

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Due to Covid-19, the NRC Chapel won't be used for holding services on Wednesdays. We hope to have, instead, Channel 105 open for you to see and listen, to pray and meditate, using the standing cross, candles, and the small altar, with Lenten paraments.

We plan to play recorded music appropriate for Lent in the Chapel on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

While the music is playing, Pr. Kristine will use that hour to pray silently in the Chapel for our staff, residents, and their families.

I have been asked how one might give a monetary offering to the NRC Chapel. Please make your check payable to the NRC Chapel. You may send it through the USPS, addressing your envelope as follows:

***NRC Chapel  
c/o Pr. Kristine  
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Northfield, MN 55057***

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