

The Lord's Service

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, March 2, 2025



Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 98:4-9

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

Psalm 145:21

And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 110: "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

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GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Exodus 20 with responses from the Psalms)

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images ... you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

You have set our iniquities before your face, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me your law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

(Confession reading continues on page 4)

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, through Christ our Savior.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

† **GLORIA PATRI** (with hands lifted)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 398: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"**

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

† PSALM 119, NO. 149: "Teach me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"

† GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:23-36

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Power and Coming of the Lord

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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. **catholic=universal*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts,

As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom,

And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY (with hands lifted)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

+ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

+ SANCTUS

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full__of your Glo - ry. Ho

9
 san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

17

in_ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Silence

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, No. 429: "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" v. 1-3 (page 8)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 320: "Rejoice, All Ye Believers"**

† **BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured (Jesus Meine Zuversicht)

Verse 1

Let Thy blood in mercy poured
Let Thy gracious body broken
Be to me O gracious Lord
Of Thy boundless love the token
Thou didst give Thyself for me
Now I give myself to Thee

Verse 2

Thou didst die that I might live
Blessed Lord Thou came'st to save me
All that love of God could give
Jesus by His sorrows gave me
Thou didst give Thyself for me
Now I give myself to Thee

Verse 3

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow
By the spear wound and the nailing
By the pain and death, I now claim
O Christ Thy love unfailing
Thou didst give Thyself for me
Now I myself to Thee

Johann Crüger, John Brownlie

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NOTES

1. The Apostles (vv. 16-18)

a) What they Saw

b) What they Heard

2. The Prophets (vv. 19-21)

a) What they Saw

b) What they Heard