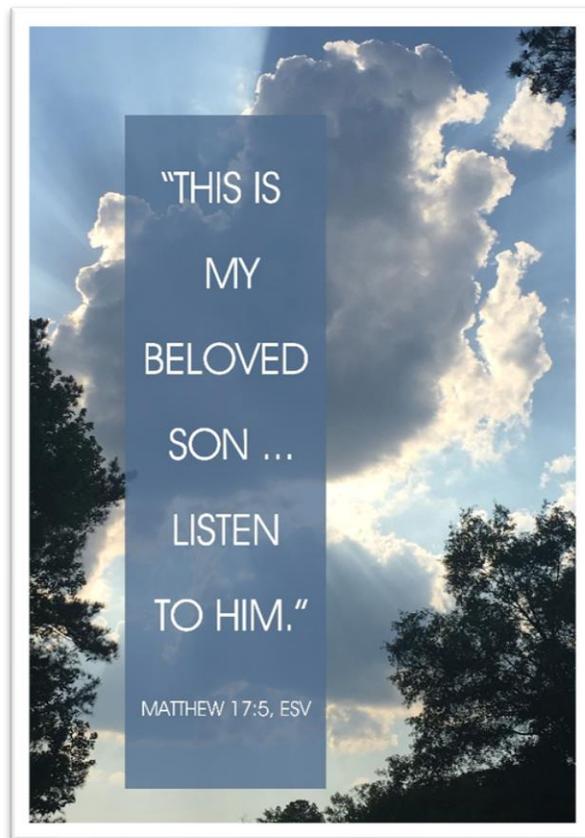


Our Savior Lutheran Church Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, February 14, 2021

Thought: Peter says, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." In the face of change and transition we want to hold on to whatever gives stability and security, including our experiences of the holy. But as Peter, James and John heard the voice say, "listen to him," so we learn to hold on to the holy by continuing ministry that shows the glory of God.



Prelude – Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (Etta James)

<https://youtu.be/Thz1zDAytzU>

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

A: We gather here for the light of God's glory to shine in our hearts.

C: We gather here to experience the presence of Christ.

A: We gather here so that the Spirit may renew the image of God within us.

C: We gather here in hope and expectation, in confidence and joy.

Let us worship God!

Music – Christ Be Our Light (B. Farell) Godalming Parish Church

https://youtu.be/KoDVf_e_eGo

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

P: Loving God we recognize you as the one who says, "Let light shine out of darkness." We know there are areas of darkness in our own lives and in situations in the world around us.

Time of Silence and Reflection

P: Shine your light into our hearts.

C: Help us to walk in the light of your grace and goodness as your Spirit leads and guides us to faithful living. Forgive us when we willfully wander from your way and bring us back to the light of your love.

P: Remind us, God, that we can reflect this light in every word and action consistent with your will and purpose made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Music of Praise – Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0NbckE-qMA>

Prayer of the Day

A: O Holy God, in Jesus Christ you lifted the veil between heaven and earth to show us your glory. In him we see love in its purest form.

C: Help us to look for and recognize those moments in our lives when the space between you and us is thin and we are truly in the presence of the Holy One. In our daily living, let us reflect that glory and love to those around us.

A: May we see you in what we imagine to be the unlikely places –

C: not just on the mountaintop, but in our homes and our schools among our friends and at work, in our communities and in our daily circumstances. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² 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. ³ 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."

⁴ 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 not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ 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."

⁶ 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. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

¹ The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

³ Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

**⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

Epistle reading – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God’s light seen clearly in the face of Christ

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In 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. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Mark 9:2-9

Revelation of Christ as God’s beloved Son. Listen to him!

<https://youtu.be/4jiuEDW7ZSg>

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

² 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, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time – Selfies?

<https://youtu.be/P7EsBK6MEs0>

Homily – Picture This?

<https://youtu.be/52E8ONY1xF4>

Music of the Day – Oh, Wondrous Image; Vision Fair (Deo Gratias)

First Plymouth Church – Lincoln Neb.

<https://youtu.be/D-9glrG0ud0>

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

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for the communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: O God, great Giver of all this is, give one more thing:

C: a desire to know you as you truly are.

A: We open our hearts and our hands to you,

C: even as you have opened our eyes.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise, so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

C: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit!

The 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 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Communion Music – Here Is Bread

(From Spark to a Flame) by Graham Kendrick

https://youtu.be/JgHxVHUO_PU

Post Communion Prayer

A: You have made your true self known to us, O Christ:

C: on the mountain – at the table.

A: Make us witnesses of your great mysteries,

C: that we may bear witness – that we may shine.

A: You are the Lord forever more.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Music – Shine, Jesus Shine

<https://youtu.be/uaTwx0ehbvM>

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God!

