

His Glory Manifested in His Transfiguration

February 15,
2026



Last Sunday after
Epiphany

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be more than happy to assist you. This folder includes all the details about our services, with the congregational responses indicated by indented, bold letters. Please take a moment to complete the guest register in the church entrance; it will be used solely by the pastor and the elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Jesus appears in glory as the Son of God. The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus his Son. Before he suffered as man's substitute, Jesus gave his Church a glimpse of the glory that he set aside to be our Savior. See how much he loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It's good that we are here.

MORNING PRAYER: 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. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN:
THE KING SHALL COME

****Please Stand For The Last Verse****



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.
 Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.



C: A - men.

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

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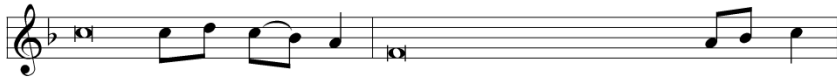
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



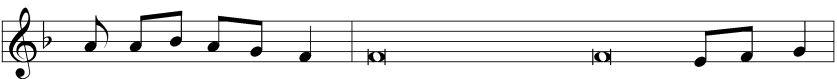
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

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.



C: A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

EXODUS 24:12, 15 – 18

How different Mt. Sinai was from the Mount of Glory! Wandering with the people for forty years and all their wickedness, he could see how man would never be able to keep this Law. Yet on the Mount of Glory in the midst of a bright cloud, Moses saw God's new covenant in the person of Jesus Christ.

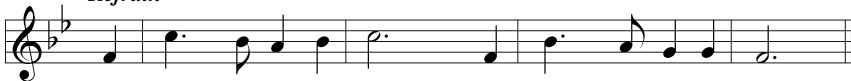
The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them."

Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. The appearance of the Glory of the Lord looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 148

Refrain



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.
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 rulers 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 beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 PETER 1:16 – 21

"We were eyewitnesses of his majesty." Only two remained, since Herod had killed James years earlier. But for Peter and John, that day on the sacred mountain continued to shape their lives. From John 1 to 2 Peter, these men who had seen Christ's glory testified that the man Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God.

To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

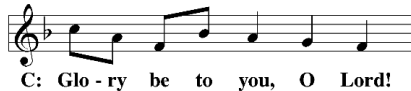


GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17: 1 – 9

Six days earlier, Peter had his moment of great triumph and great failure. He confessed what his heart believed: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. But his great failure of faith came immediately thereafter when he wanted no part of a crucified Christ. Six days later, God gave him proof for what his faith confessed and hope in the face of what his heart feared.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

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.

*****Please Be Seated*****

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 - fered 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 TEXT:

MATTHEW 17:1 – 9

SERMON TEXT:

IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

THE PRAYER FOR TRANSFIGURATION

We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that the blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be “changed from glory into glory.”

O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons, to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look upon your church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance,

thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

Amen.

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#309

DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;



Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

****Please Stand****

THE SACRAMENT



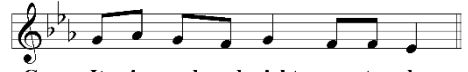
C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing

to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BLESSING

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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day, we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means "praise the Lord."

For a time, we now say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

CLOSING HYMN:**TO THE TUNE OF #122****ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH**

**Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.**

**Alleluia, we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,
With Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,
And with all his faithful people, raise our songs to praise the Lord.**

**Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions make us, for a while, forego,
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.**

**May our hymns be filled with longing—hear us, Holy Trinity—
As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,
When we shall once more be singing alleluia joyfully!**

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, assuming His human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work, receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return, all believers will be with Him in heaven, all unbelievers will be condemned to eternal torment, and this present world will be destroyed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season: Please mark your calendars to join us for this Lenten Season, a time of preparation. We invite you to join us this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. Then come on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. for our midweek Lenten services; our theme this year is “It is finished.” We will explore the fulfillment of the Old Testament book of Zechariah and consider the Apostle’s Creed.

Potluck: Please join us in the fellowship hall for our Valentine’s Day Potluck. There is plenty of food, so come and join us.

Game Night: This Friday is Game Night! Please join us for Mexican Train night at Pastor and Tammi’s home (4927 SW Yew Pl, Redmond) at 5:30 p.m. on February 20. Invite a friend, bring a snack to pass, and expect a night of family fun.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue our focus on the Pauline letters with Galatians. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. We hope you find this Bible study enlightening! Feel free to bring your questions. You may come and go as needed. Reading is optional, and questions are always welcome.

Midweek Bible Study: Our midweek Bible study is on pause through Lent and will resume on April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Pastor and Tammi’s home (4927 SW Yew Pl, Redmond) as we continue our study of Daniel. You can also join via Zoom. The Zoom link is provided, or you can email Pastor Emmons to request it.

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