

Morning Worship Online – 14th February 2021

Sunday Before Lent - Transfiguration

Words of Welcome – Gareth

I. The Introduction

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: 'The first commandment is: "Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Silence

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Help us to amend our lives;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Beyond our busyness,
Above the cold winter floor
there is a glory rising born of heaven
and reaching out to each one of us

**a light that shines through the clouds
an invitation seeking all of who we are
that transfigures the world**

that transforms darkness into hope
that brings life from a cross
where old life ends and new life is born

**In glory Jesus meets us here
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain
carrying the weight of our humanity
to the heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again
“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN

2. *The Ministry of the Word*

Hymn – Be still for the presence of the Lord (BandLab Team)

Reading – Mark 2:2-9 (NIV)

The Transfiguration

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Adam

The 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,
and 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.**

3. *Prayers – Gareth*

Heavenly Father, working through human events to show your presence and strength, work through each of us as we seek to respond to your call to serve.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, shine in our lives like you do in the universe, maintaining life, order, balance and forever making new creations. Mend us as needed, bend us as necessary, that we may be your new creation, in body, mind and spirit.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, put your seal upon us that we may be filled with zeal for God's work through us as his agents of reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, when we do not know what to do when we are overwhelmed by God's intervention in our lives, give us the wisdom to listen, to marvel, and to renew our commitment to follow you all the days of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Transfigure your world as you transfigure your church, Lord God, that all may be made new and whole.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have needs beyond our power to meet, knowing that you, alone, are the Great Physician.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

— written by Paul Sauer and posted on [Lutheran Forum](#).

We conclude our prayers by praying with confidence to the Father, as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

4. *Conclusion*

Go now, sure footed in faith
with eyes wide open
and waiting for God's glory
to surprise you in unexpected ways
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Farewell Words - Gareth

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Final Hymn – All for Jesus (Choir of St John's Church, Maindee)