



Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2022

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: #465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth,
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth,
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done yours be the glory, O God, yours alone

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth
Ours the rejoicing, for spirits aflame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done yours be the glory, O God, yours alone

Celebrant: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Alleluia (JS Bach) by choir

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99 You Are Holy (choir)

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

Gradual Hymn: Transform Us, as You, Transfigured

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
lead us up our sacred mountains, search is with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
live in this world as your body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (9:28-36)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: Transform Us, as You, Transfigured

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation - time and truth we quickly bind;
lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

Sermon

The Reverend Joanne Webster

The Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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. He will come again 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.

Intercessions

In our prayers this morning, let us respond to each petition with: **"Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name."** (from "Here in this place", end of vs 1)

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence for reflection.

Celebrant: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;

All: in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen, forever, Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #166 We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

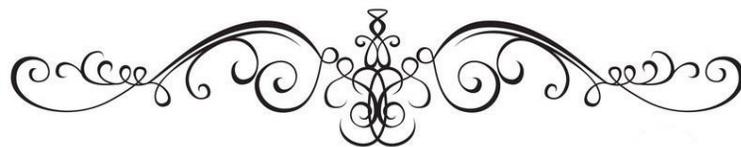
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Postlude:

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.



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