

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns
To Study and Share with those. You Love

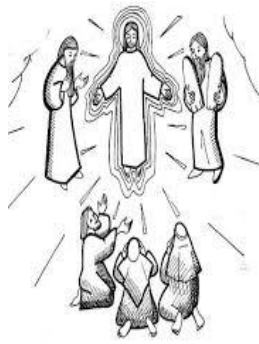
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**THIS IS MY
BELOVED'
SON IN
WHOM I AM
WELL
PLEASED.**

Matt. 17

Hymn of Invocation. **Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star** 872

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

INTROIT PSALM 99

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;* for the LORD our God is | holy!
**The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!* He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let
the | earth quake!** The LORD is great in | Zion;* he is exalted over all the | peoples. **Let
them praise your great and | awesome name!* Ho- | ly is he!** The King in his might loves |
justice.* You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in |
Jacob. **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!* Ho- | ly is he! Glory to the
Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now,
and will be forever. | Amen.**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;* for the LORD our God is | holy!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the
mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from
the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make
us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in
heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PSALM 2

“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your
possession.** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s
vessel.” **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.** Serve the
LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish
in the way,** for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Glory 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. **I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill.**

APPOINTED READINGS TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD. 19 FEB. 2023

Old Testament/Exodus 24:8–18. Epistle/2 Peter 1:16–21. Gospel/Matthew 17:1–9
God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

- The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16).
- “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matt. 17:5).
- By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire.” but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar. (Ex. 24)

CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day **Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory** 416

SERMON NOTES

Jesus Came and Touched Them Matthew 17:5-8

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

In the midst of things that perplex and distress us, God sends His Son Jesus whose touch gives strength and whose voice replaces fear with faith and love.

- 1. We are surrounded by things that perplex and distress us**
 1. When confronted by Moses and Elijah
 2. When hearing the voice of God the Father, Almighty Creator
- 2. Jesus comes, whose touch gives strength**
 1. Healing every disease and sickness among us
 2. Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength
- 3. Jesus comes, whose voice replaces fear with faith and love**
 1. Jesus' passion and the power of darkness
 2. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD. 19 FEB. 2023

Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to "listen to Him" as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we ask for Your blessing on this congregation, especially for our catechumens. As Moses was changed when he saw Your glory on Mount Sinai, may we who have beheld Your glory in the face of Christ also be transformed and given boldness of spirit to share Your glory abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory, witnessing all that the Law and the prophets speak about Him. Grant wisdom to all pastors and church workers to open Your Scriptures in such a way that everyone would hear the voice of Jesus calling them to life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember also all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with authority both here and abroad to serve with integrity and honor for the well-being of all. Grant that all division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all comfort, You alone bring the peace that passes understanding to troubled hearts. Remember the afflicted, [*especially _____ and those we name in our hearts,*] that they would know Your presence, taste Your peace and receive healing according to Your gracious will, ever trusting in the hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose has rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith; for to You, blessed and eternal Father, belong all honor and glory, worship and praise, with Your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn. **'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here** 414