

CONNECTED TO CHRIST, CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER, CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

*† Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)

P: Holy God,

C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*† Entrance Hymn: "Ole Time Religion" SOZ 89

*Gimme dat ole-time religion,
Gimme dat ole-time religion,
Gimme dat ole-time religion,*

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It's good enough for me.

*1 It was good for my ole father,
It was good for my ole father,
It was good for my ole father,
It's good enough for me.*

*2 It was good for my ole mother,
It was good for my ole mother,
It was good for my ole mother,
It's good enough for me.*

*4 Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
It's good enough for me.*

*7 It will take us all to heaven,
It will take us all to heaven,
It will take us all to heaven,
It's good enough for me.*

*Gimme dat ole-time religion,
Gimme dat ole-time religion,
Gimme dat ole-time religion,
It's good enough for me.*

***† Greeting**

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

C: And also with you.

*† Kyrie

A: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

A: 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.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

C: *Lord, have mercy,*

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

C: Amen

*† Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

*† Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior

and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

~*God's Word* ~

† First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

† Psalm: Psalm 2; *refrain*, Ps. 2:7

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

¹ Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter ¹ empty threats?

² Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹ plot together,
against the Lord and against the ¹ Lord’s anointed?

³ “Let us break their ¹ yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their ¹ bonds from us.”

⁴ God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing;
the Lord holds them ¹ in derision. R

⁵ Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them,
and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶ “As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king
upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain.”

⁷ Let me announce the decree ¹ of the Lord,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance

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and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession. R
9 You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod
and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery.”
¹⁰ And now, you ¹ kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.
¹¹ Submit to the ¹ Lord with fear,
and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;
¹² lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- ¹ uge in God! R

† Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*† Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th Chapter

C: *Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord*

*† Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face

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shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you, O Christ*

† Adult Choir Anthem: “It’s Time to Praise the Lord”

† Sermon: The Rev. Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor

† Sermon Hymn: “Jesus Is The Light”

Refrain:

Jesus is the light

Light of the world

Light of the world

Light of the world

He's the road out of darkness

The brightest way out

*Jesus is the light of the world! *repeat**

Bridge

Jesus is the light

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Jesus is the light

Jesus is the light

He's the light of the world

*Light of the world! *repeat**

Refrain w/TAG included at end

Jesus is the light

Light of the world

Light of the world

Light of the world

He's the road out of darkness

The brightest way out

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Jesus is the light of the world!

~ Prayer ~

*† The Apostles' Creed

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;

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He descended into hell.*
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.

***† Prayers of the People**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict (*regions at war may be named*). Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

***† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

***† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence.
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

***† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

~ *Meal* ~

***† 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.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

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**

***† 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**

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† Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

† Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" TFBF 123

*1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

*3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

*† Post Communion Blessing

(After all have returned to their places:)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

*† Post Communion Canticle

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. 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.

*† Post Communion Prayer

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A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements

*† Benediction

*† Hymn: "If I Be Lifted Up"

Refrain

If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me

*If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me *repeat**

Bridge

Jesus came with all His glory

To reveal the heavenly marvelous story

Jesus said "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me"

*† Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday via Zoom. Next session will resume after Lent season on April 8th at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session March 1st
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, March 13th from 2PM – 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting Saturday, March 7th at 10AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, March 12th at 7:30PM
- ◆ Trinity will host a **Fish-Fry fundraiser** on Saturday, February 21st, 12PM – 4PM
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday**, February 18th
 - ◆ **Ashes to Go**, Christ Our Redeemer @ Warner & Ocean 10 am - 11:30 am
 - ◆ **Ashes to Go**, Trinity Lutheran @ Claremont & MLK Noon to 1:30 pm
 - ◆ **Ashes to Go**, Bethany Lutheran @ JFK BLVD & Audubon Ave 1:45 - 2:30 pm
 - ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service**, Christ Our Redeemer @ 6 pm
 - ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service**, Trinity Lutheran @ 7 pm
- ◆ **Free Tax Preparers!** Every Wednesday through April 8th from 9:30 AM – 12PM. Federal and State Income Taxes prepared and filed electronically. Call 201-435-9807 to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins allowed.
- ◆ Trinity is selling "**Faith Over Fear**" T-Shirts in 3 different designs. Short-sleeved: \$20; Long-sleeved: \$23. Please check our website for the designs and order info.
- ◆ Visit our **Gifts & Talents Wall** in the Fellowship Hall. Share how you would like to use your gifts and talents to serve the church. This will help us plan for new ministries in 2026.
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle. Contact Tina Richardson at 201-435-9807 for more info.

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