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Transfiguration of Our Lord
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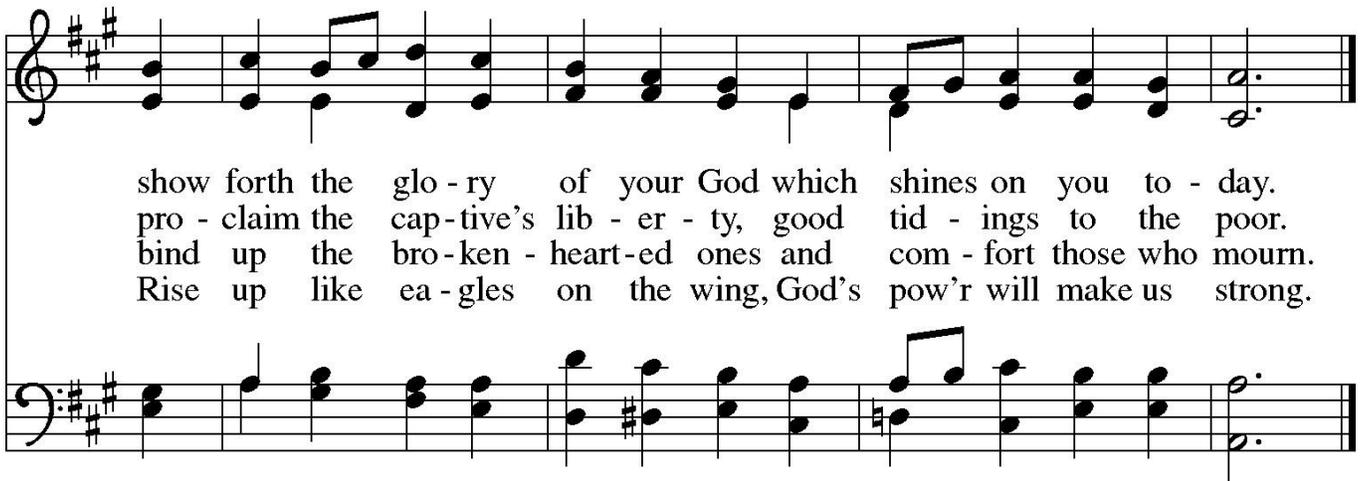
PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Arise, Your Light Has Come" - ELW 314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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 How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C **Amen.**



CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "Glory to God" - ELW S213b

Refrain

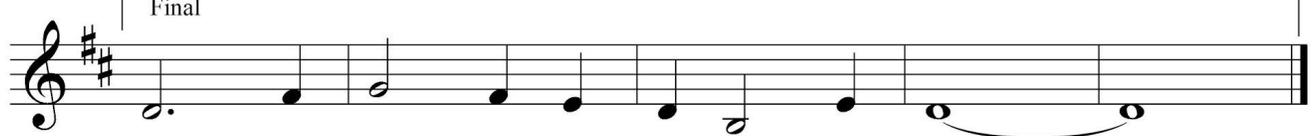


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. To Verses

Final



earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Verse 1



1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *To Refrain*

Verse 2



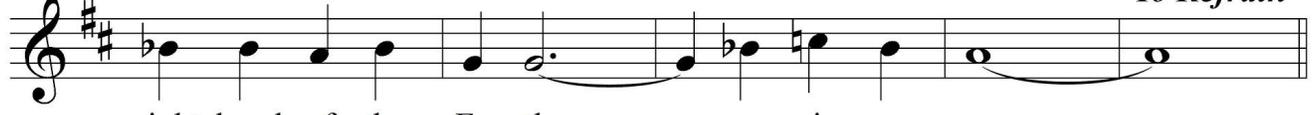
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. *To Refrain*

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
To Final Refrain
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men._____

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE - Pastor Julie Morris

CHILDREN'S SONG - "He Came Down" - ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

FIRST READING: Psalm 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

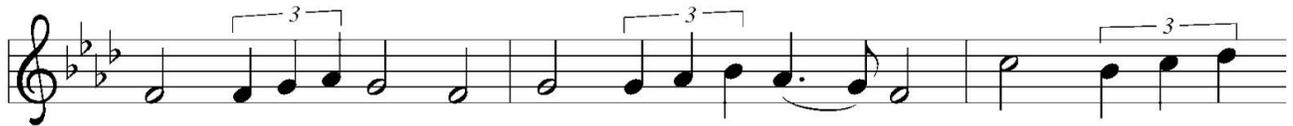
¹The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory. ³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm. ⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people. ⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." ⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF RESPONSE - "Thy Strong Word" - ELW 511, verses 1 & 5



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (Video reading by Miera Stouch)

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – "Celtic Alleluia" - ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Alleluia'. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff includes a 9/8 time signature change.

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

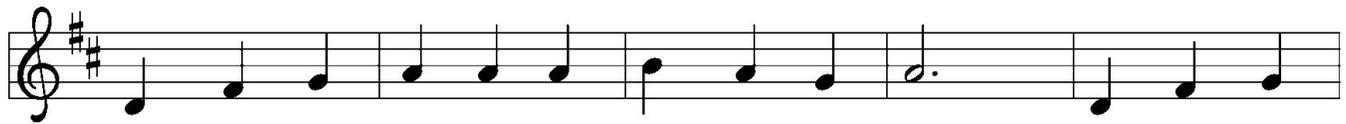
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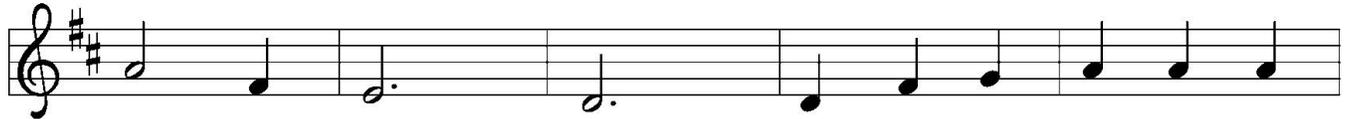
SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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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.
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.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed and for all communities of faith far and near. Be with all who strive to proclaim your Gospel to members and friends at this most difficult time. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For creation, sun, moon and stars. We cannot escape your glory surrounding us night and day. Give us abundant gratitude for life. We thank you for all your creatures seen and unseen. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all in our country responsible for safety and protection - for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and government leaders - that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A God of love, forgive our inability to love one another when we discover how diverse each of us is, how unique you have fashioned each mind and heart. Prompt us to show love to those you put in our lives at this time. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer this day (*especially the names on our prayer list*), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For companionship on life's journey in our church, for loved ones with whom we cannot gather, and for all the struggles we face, that God's radiance and glory be revealed around and among us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken aloud or resting in our hearts, and for the promise of knowing you dwell among us, we pray in your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

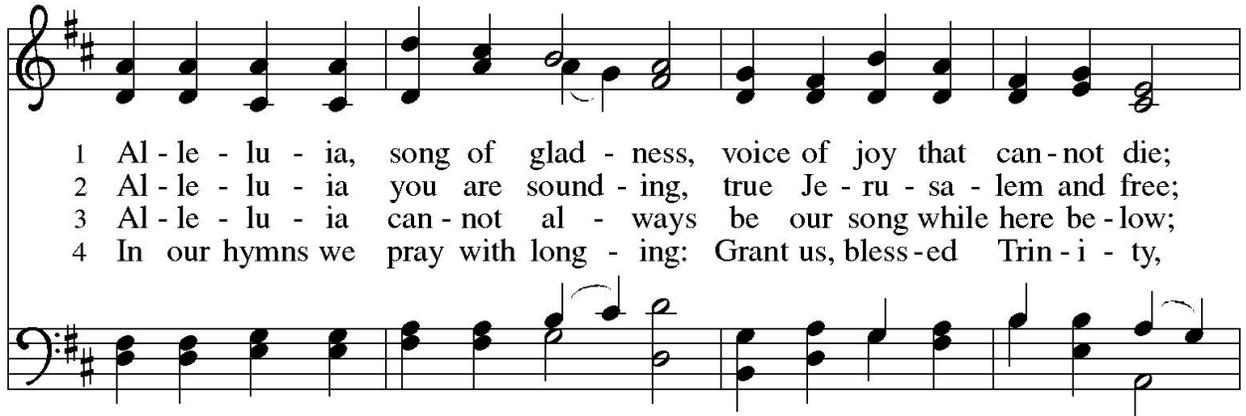


PEACE

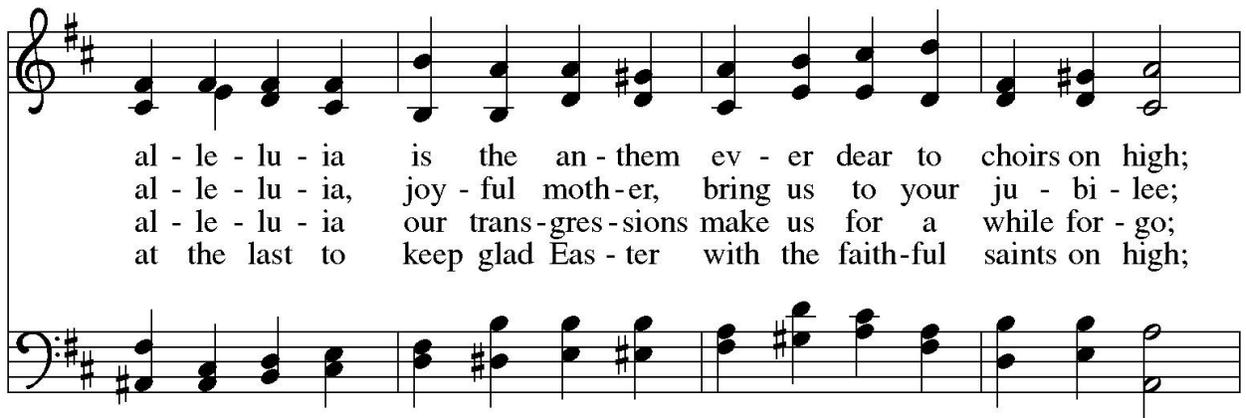
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG - "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" - ELW 318 - verses 1, 3 & 4



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C **Amen.**



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

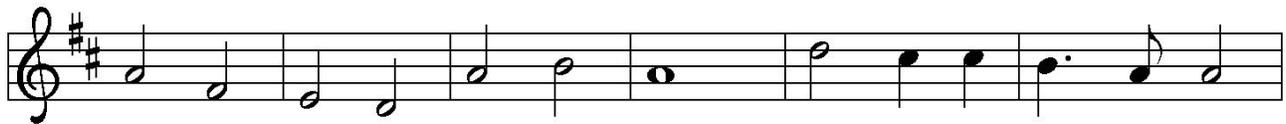
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



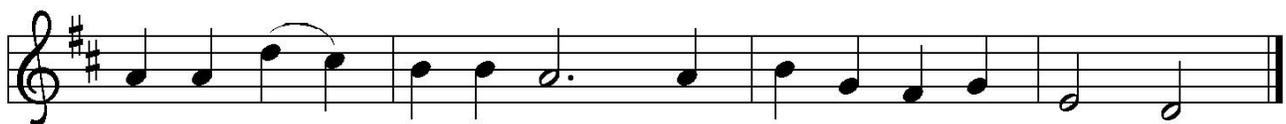
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

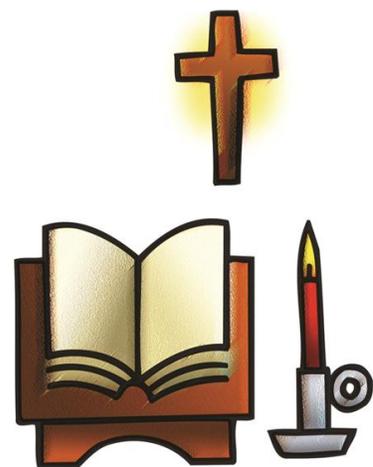
P Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and
his Blood of the new Covenant.
Gather into one all who desire to share this bread and wine:
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people, fill us with your light,
and bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen!**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

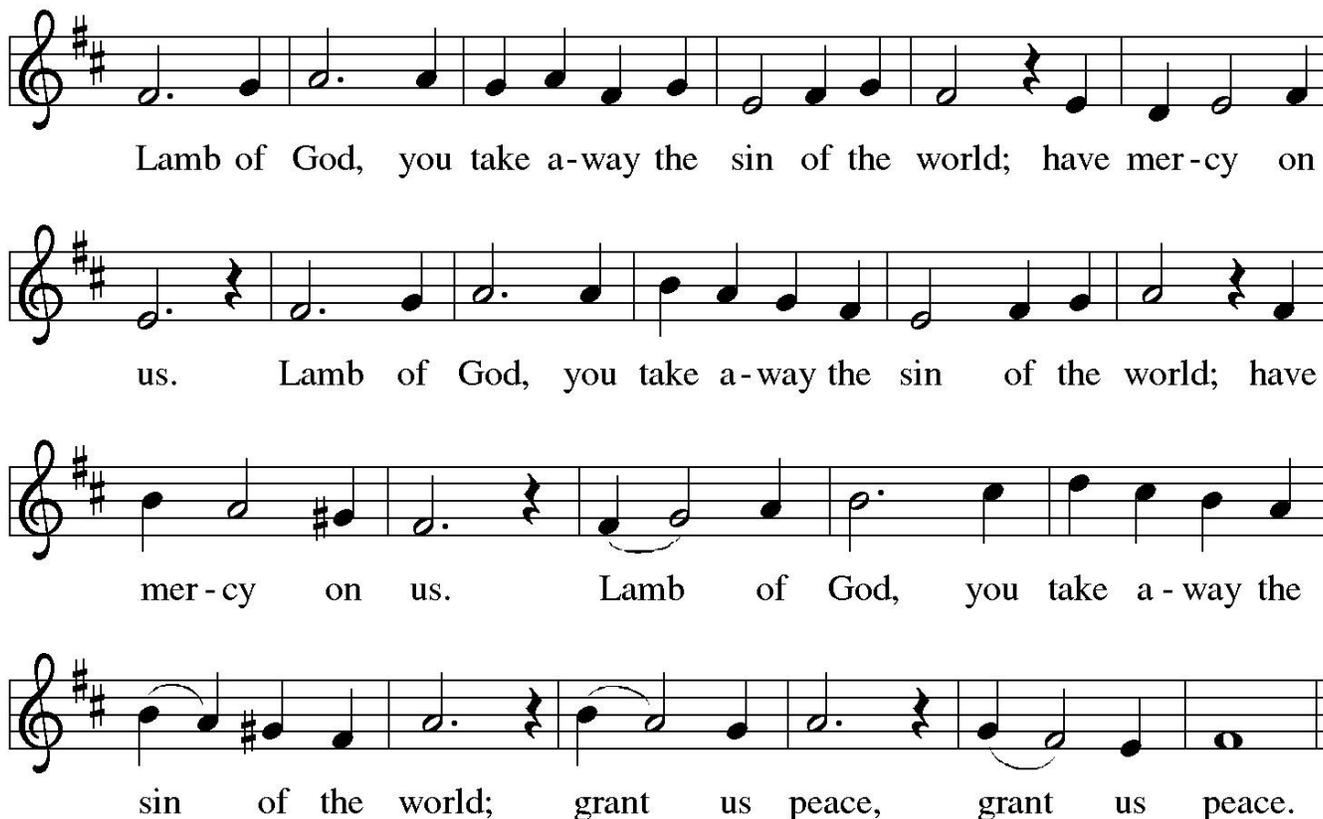
C **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory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



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus with us.
The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

The Assisting Minister invites those joining from home to say the following prayer:

Jesus, my savior and friend, thank you for your presence in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and your presence with us here and now. Trusting your words, "This is my body; this is my blood—given for you," I welcome you into my heart. Let my life witness to your grace and peace. Strengthen all of us with faith, hope and love until we can meet at your table again. Amen.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from prayers written by Bishop Guy Erwin and St. Alj



COMMUNION SONG - "Shine, Jesus, Shine" - ELW 671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine; ___ fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; ___ set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; ___ flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your Word, ___ Lord, and let there be light.

Verses



1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on ___ us.
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry.



Set us free by the truth you now bring ___ us.
Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on ___ me, shine on ___ me.

To Refrain

Text: Graham Kendrick

Music: Graham Kendrick, SHINE, JESUS, SHINE (9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

C **Amen.**

BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

(text from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/burying-the-alleluia-during-lent>) We symbolically “bury the alleluia” since we will be “fasting” from singing or saying “alleluia” during Lent.

P When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration,
he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

C **Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.**

P Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the
hardwood of the cross.

C **Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.**

P Jesus told his disciples, “If you want to become my followers,
deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me.”

(Matthew 16:24 adapted)

C **Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia.**

P At Easter, we will again celebrate the Resurrection
and sing "Christ is risen."

C **In God's time, we will find our Alleluia!**

P For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia."

C **Sometimes we let go of our Alleluia.**

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God
with love from the Lacalamitas, in memory of Uncle Jim.*

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Join us for **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. Here is the **Zoom link**:

<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the **meeting ID (889 0267 0619)** and **passcode (302996)**.

Let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card:
<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Robert and Robin A (friends of Becky & Ken Riley), **Katelyn Abernathy** (granddaughter of Bob & Judy Winters), **Cynthia Bishop** (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Tabitha Enright, Tom and Maria Eyler** (parents of Patti Stouch), **Vladimir Fajnor** (father of Scott Fajnor), **Karen Fort** (mother of Julie Merrick), **Ron Higginbotham, Alice Herbruck, Charles Hilley, Ric Kienitz, the family of Evelyn Lacy, the family of Ann McClary** (Mike & Wendy McClary's sister-in-law), **Karen Nelson, Angie Patscheck** (sister-in-law of Stan and Valerie Patscheck), **the family of Lee Patscheck** (Stan Patscheck's brother), **Ric** (friend of Karen Cherry), **the family of Marvel Sheller** (mother of Melinda Sheller), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **the family of Jim Unger** (Tom Lacalamita's uncle), **Bill Voigt** (father of Heather Edwards).

*Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.
If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please
e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.*

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, February 14, 2021

Children's Church Zoom , 9:00-9:20 a.m.
Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

Youth Group Zoom, TONIGHT, 6:00 p.m.
High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly, email
joe@mountcross.com for Zoom info.

Monday, February 15, 2021

**President's Day Holiday
Church Office Closed
(CDC Closed all week)**

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To
join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call
on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked
to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and
then push pound (#).

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.
via Zoom. Contact Pastor Julie,
pastorjulie@mountcross.com, or Vicar Amanda,
amanda@mountcross.com
for the Zoom information.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice
15-minute break in your day that includes scripture,
prayer, and relaxing video/audio.

Join as often as you'd like. Join:
<http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom> OR, you can
call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968.
Meeting ID:
847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.
The Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. via
Zoom.

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**Ash Wednesday
Pre-recorded Liturgy available on
Facebook at 7:00 a.m., Noon,
and 7:00 p.m.**

(No regular programs today.)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday
from 7:30-9:00 a.m. via Zoom::
<http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>
OR you can call in by phone, 1 (408) 638 0968
Meeting ID: 891 5038 5706, Passcode: 521872.

Care Team Planning Zoom,
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Meets on Zoom at 1:00 p.m.

CDC Task Force Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Meets on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee met last week and approved
permitting in-person attendance for our outdoor
worship **as of February 21**. Those attending will need to
sign in, have their temperature checked, wear masks, and
observe social distancing. We will have some chairs
available or you may bring your own.

We also need worship assistants:

[https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/58703149
3102206086/true#/invitation](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/587031493102206086/true#/invitation). Thank you in advance for
helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday Drive-through
Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or
as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant,
please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants>
or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for
Children's Church with a fun story and gathering!
Please print out your children's bulletins before
the meeting. If you need a hard copy, please
message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Children's Church - Teachers Wanted!

We are recruiting volunteers to help teach
Children's Church virtually on Sunday mornings
from 9:00-9:20! Anyone High School aged and up
is welcome! Please text Jessica at (805) 402-9447
if you are interested!

Small Groups for Youth and Parents

Mount Cross is planning to launch small groups for the youth the week of March 1. We are looking for input from parents as well as possible leaders for these small groups. There are Google Forms for both parents and leaders and we ask that you fill them out to help us plan for a successful launch of these small groups. Thank you in advance for your time!

Leader Interest form:

<https://forms.gle/shLr6eK8NdL35KhMA>

Parent Interest form:

<https://forms.gle/PsFM7Ghi57JmXbcg9>

Loving Arms: Support Local Healthcare Workers

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the Loving Arms project. We now have plenty of snacks to complete our deliveries. However, we can never have too many cards of thanks and encouragement. Please keep those coming until our final deadline of Sunday, February 28. You can bring them to the church office or during drive-thru Communion. If you have questions, please call Barbara Cranfill at 805-702-4003.

Once again - THANK YOU so much for your donations.

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Lent begins this week, on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We'll join with St. Columba's for pre-recorded worship airing at 7:00 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m. We mailed ashes to the homes on our mailing list so that you can participate in the service from home.

Wednesdays in Lent

All are invited to join with Mount Cross on Wednesdays (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24) at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual soup supper, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. Plan to eat light on Wednesdays and donate any money or food you save to the St. Columba's Food Pantry or Food Share. Make a bowl of soup and join us for community conversation and connection at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24). The Zoom link is <http://bit.ly/VirtualSoupSupper>. The Meeting ID is 846 2020 8049 and the passcode is 531718. Access the Holden Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/MountCross/live/>.

Learning Committee

Looking for ways to serve? The Mount Cross Lutheran Church Learning Committee develops, plans and supports the youth of our congregation through learning, community service, activities and events to help them grow in their Christian faith. We have lots of exciting ideas for this year! The Mount Cross Learning committee meets once a month on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and extends an invitation to anyone in the congregation with a desire to serve the youth and our ministries to join us. Contact Tracy Blois, Learning Committee Chair by phone: 619-277-2059 or email: tracy.allyson@gmail.com or Joe Zimmerly, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries by phone: (805) 482-3847 or email: joe@mountcross.com. We have lots of exciting ideas for this year!

Altar Flowers

We've resumed having altar flowers, when requested, for our outdoor worship. We've added an Altar Flower SignUp Request: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>.

The cost remains \$35.00 and you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers for a special occasion, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial! To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. See the article in the January newsletter for details. Thank you!



