

**Worship Plan**  
February 27, 2022

**St. Matthew New Life**  
Transfiguration Sunday C

**Introduction to the day**

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING SONG      YOUR GLORY WITH NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD**

*Verse (Your Glory):*

My life is Yours  
And my hope is in You only  
And my heart You hold  
'Cause You made this sinner holy  
And holy holy

*Chorus (Your Glory):*

'Cause Your glory is so beautiful  
I fall onto my knees in awe  
And the heartbeat of my life  
Is to worship in Your light  
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful  
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful

*Verse (Your Glory)*

*Chorus (Your Glory)*

*Bridge:*

Glory glory hallelujah  
Jesus You are good (sing 4 times)

*Verse (Nothing but the Blood):*

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Chorus (Nothing but the Blood):*

O precious is the flow  
~~That makes me white as snow~~  
THAT PAID THE DEBT I OWE (\*see note below)

No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Tag:*  
Glory glory hallelujah  
Jesus You are good (sing 4 times)

## **WELCOME**

*(We stand as we are able)*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

**ELW #315**

1 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here!  
your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past  
and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified  
and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,  
we see your kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright  
and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

### **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

### **Hear Our Praises**

#### *Verse 1*

May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn and pray

#### *Chorus*

From the mountain to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air

#### *Verse 2*

May our light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water o'er the seas

#### *Chorus*

*Bridge (sing 3x)*  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah

*Chorus*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
**you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**  
*(We are seated)*

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

L: A reading from Exodus.

#### **FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>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, <sup>35</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 99** *(We read responsively by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon  
your name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(We stand for the reading of the gospel)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>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.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*(We stand as we are able)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

**ELW #671**

### *Refrain*

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set out hearts on fire.  
flow, river, flow  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord  
and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me,  
Shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me,  
Shine on me. *Refrain*

A: We confess our common faith in the words of 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,  
he 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.**

*(We are seated)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:*

Leader: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*(We stand as we are able)*

**Peace** *(We share the blessing of Christ's peace. Some worshipers may prefer to maintain social distancing)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(We are seated)*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** *(Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes)*

*(We stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward)*

**OFFERING SONG**

**ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Father Son and Holy Spirit

Praise Him, Praise Him

Refrain:

All blessings flow from the Father

All blessings flow from the Son

All blessings flow from the Spirit

Praise Him, praise Him

*(Sing refrain 2 times)*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

**Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW #190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:  
you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
**Come, Holy Spirit**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

**Communion Distribution** *(We receive the sacrament by intinction. Individual cups/servings are available)*

**SONG DURING COMMUNION**

**WE ARE CALLED**

**ELW #720**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy  
And the love of the Lord  
We are called  
To be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom  
Of the city of God

*Refrain*

We are called  
to act with justice  
We are called  
to love tenderly  
We are called  
to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

Come! Open your heart

Show your mercy  
To all those in fear  
We are called  
To be hope for the hopeless  
So hatred and blindness  
Will be no more *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song  
Sing of that great day  
When all will be one  
God will reign,  
And we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers  
United in love. *Refrain*

*(We stand when all who desire have received the sacrament)*

### **Communion Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,  
**for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

### **YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)**

*Verse:*

You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You)

All of my days (all of my days)

*Chorus:*

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
And I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

*Repeat Verse and Chorus*

*Ending:*

You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

**DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**