



PLUM Worship

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Revelation Song

<https://youtu.be/0FrhDJa3XCM?si=x00ThKt5xKNpTwCU>

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good for us to be here!

We will live in the house of God forever.

Let us worship God together in word and song.

Let us sing to Jesus, God's son, the beloved.

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HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

<https://youtu.be/YAyyHLpdHz8?si=GPUbaZrXCLrNT1yL>

- I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.*

Refrain

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

- I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.* Refrain
- I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.* Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Guiding God,

We have failed to follow you as we ought. We have not reached out to our neighbors with the selfless and sacrificial love you modeled for us. We have caused harm to others and your creation by our actions and by our unwillingness to act. Forgive us our sins and lead us back onto the path you have trod for the sake of others.

In Christ, God meets us where we are and as we are and for his sake, God makes us whole and holy. Go forth to follow Jesus in the knowledge that your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, You reveal yourself to us in the person of Jesus Christ, yet he, and you, remain a mystery. Invite us into that mystery, drawing us into relationship, calling us to know you better each day, and walking side by side with us through our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Psalm 27:1-4

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27—9:8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Readers: Narrator, Jesus, Disciples, Peter, Voice

Narrator: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples,

Jesus: "Who do people say that I am?"

Narrator: And they answered him,

Disciples: “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

Narrator: He asked them,

Jesus: “But who do you say that I am?”

Narrator: Peter answered him,

Peter: “You are the Messiah.”

Narrator: And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said,

Jesus: “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Narrator: He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

Jesus: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Narrator: And he said to them,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

Narrator: Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus,

Peter: “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Narrator: He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

Voice: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

Narrator: Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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

SERMON

PASTOR BRENDA HENRY

HYMN **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

<https://youtu.be/gr5Y63bDNNg?si=-mVRRcBV1OzFvD1f>

1. *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:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. *Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain*

3. *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 x 2*

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the good news of Jesus Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In the Transfiguration, you revealed to Peter, James, and John that Jesus was far more than they had thought. Help us to see past our own limited expectations to recognize the fullness of your divine power at play in the world. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Great are your mighty mountains, upon which many have experienced your presence. Help us to care for and protect the wild and majestic places of your creation that others might have ‘mountaintop experiences’ for generations to come. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give all those in positions of authority the humility to know their own limitations, that they might work collaboratively with others for the good of all. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Enfold in your loving care all those who are struggling with health issues, loss, uncertainty, and every kind of stress, (*especially...*) May we be your arms reaching out in service and solace to all in need. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Call us into a life of sacrificial love, that we might step away from worldly comforts and concerns for the sake of your divine justice for all creation. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of all good gifts, your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Merciful God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, you know what is best for the ministry of PLUM. Continue to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. Merciful God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We remember with joy all those who took up their crosses and followed you, paving the way for us to do likewise. May we continue the journey they started until we see them face to face in your eternal kingdom. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

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Confident that in Christ Jesus you answer prayer, we lift to you all for whom pray, aloud and in our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.

Let us pray. Holy God, we offer with gratitude those things which you have gifted to us—our money, our time, and even our whole selves. Take and use them for such purposes as you will, that all might share in your abundance. **Amen.**

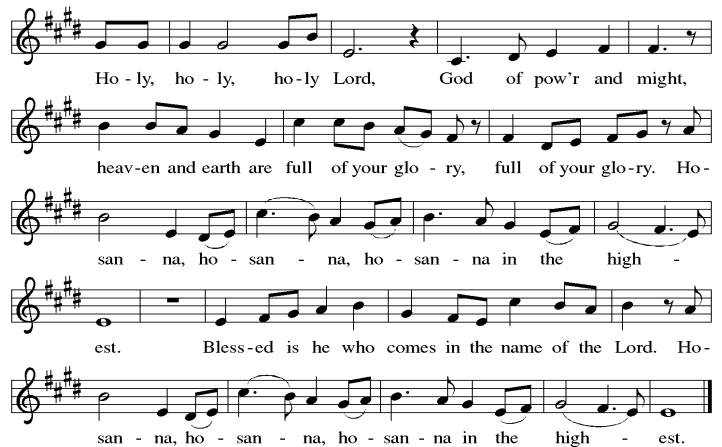
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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:

https://youtu.be/VP_VmA9bB54S



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of
our faith:

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

It is good for us to be here in the presence of our savior,
Jesus Christ, and all the saints, living and departed. Jesus
invites you to the feast of all creation. Come and be fed.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**
Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

HYMN We Are Marching in the Light of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gI24_27wW1E

*We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oh-oh,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oh-oh,
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are living in the love of God,
we are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God,
we are living in the love of God.*

*We are living, living,
We are living, oh-oh,
we are living in the love of God.
We are living, living,
We are living, oh-oh,
we are living in the love of God.*

*We are moving in the power of God,
we are moving in the power of God.
We are moving in the power of God,
we are moving in the power of God.*

*We are moving, moving,
We are moving, oh-oh,
we are moving in the power of God.
We are moving, moving,
We are moving, oh-oh,
we are moving in the power of God.*

*We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oh-oh,
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oh-oh,
we are marching in the light of God.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS

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Join PLUM for...



5 Thursdays: February 22 & 29; March 7, 14 & 21

7 pm on Zoom

*Using the 2024 Lenten Study created by ELCA World Hunger,
we will study scripture
and explore how we experience the living God today.*

*Along the way we will reflect on what it means to
encounter God in experiences of
reconciliation, transfiguration, crucifixion,
restoration and resurrection.*

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