

Order of Worship for Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Do you see it? In cloud and light God appears: the glory of the Lord shines around us.

Do you hear it? A voice like thunder from heaven: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

May God help us to see and hear his good news for us today.

Let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty 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 you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we search for you in the grand and serene. We are eager to bask in your radiance and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget that you are also present in the ordinary and despised. You give us a vision of the glory of Jesus and send us back down the mountain to proclaim the goodness of your law and live in your love. By your Spirit, help us to tread the path that Jesus prepared for us. Transform us into bold disciples, beacons of your light. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Old Testament

Exodus 24:12-18

John Klimczak

New Testament

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

"Up on the Mountain" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we are in awe of you! Your glorious light shone around Jesus as he prayed. Thank you for this glimpse of his divinity. The world may see just a humble teacher who died on a cross. Your Spirit gives us faith to recognize Jesus as the Savior of the world. Fill us with joy in sharing your good news, so that those who are far away will be drawn to you. Receive our gifts and offerings as a sign of our love. Amen.

Prayer Requests and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 545

"The Church's One Foundation"

Benediction

Exodus 24

12 "The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and 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 into the mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for 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 people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17

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 shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 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 make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice 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 looked up, 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.'"

"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."



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Hymn 154 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

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2 O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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Hymn 545 “The Church’s One Foundation”

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3 The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.

Though there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

4 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.