



+ Transfiguration of our Lord
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The season after Epiphany focuses on the image of God's Light coming into the world through Jesus Christ and revealed to the nations (as represented by the Magi) by the shining of a star. As we celebrate the gift of God's redemption to people around the world, St. Andrew's worship customarily features music from various places and cultures. In an effort to honor the people from which our hymns come, we will seek to provide background and context to one hymn each week throughout this season. This week's featured hymn is "Alleluia, Song of Gladness." Please see the paragraph accompanying the text to learn more about this hymn.

+ Transfiguration of our Lord Order for Worship

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through Holy Baptism and shines through us for others to see.

Prelude

Welcome

Introduction to This Week's Featured Hymn

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*People of the congregation are invited to gather near a source of water,
or to bring a receptacle filled with water along with them to worship,
as we remember and give thanks for God's gift of Holy Baptism.*

P: God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, whose Spirit spreads the Light to all nations, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

As we gather at the font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow,
we thank you for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over the waters.

We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,

this flood of endless mercy,

this fount of blessing and hope.

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.

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.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

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.
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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

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: Let us pray.

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 cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold your glory revealed in Jesus; through him, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Reading – 2 Kings 2: 1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho.

⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50: 1-6

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.**

Gospel – Mark 9: 2-9

P: The holy Gospel according to St. 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 Humanity had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Word

Children’s Song

Siyahamba

ELW 866

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

**We are living, (living, we are living, living,)
we are living in the light of God.
We are living, (living, we are living, living,)
we are living in the light of God.
We are shining in the light of God,**

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

**We are shining, (shining, we are shining, shining,)
we are shining in the light of God.
We are shining, (shining we are shining, shining,)
we are shining in the light of God.**

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW 315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Prayers of the People

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

After each petition

A: God of mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent,
for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as 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.**

Benediction

P: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved accompany you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.
C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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Portions of "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" may be some of the oldest hymn material the Christian church still sings. The earliest form of its text, "Alleluia, Dulce Carmen," is found in three Latin manuscripts from the British Isles in the 11th century. The music for the version in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnal was composed by John Goss, organist of St. Paul Cathedral in London in 1868. The tune is named LAUDA ANIMA (Praise, My Soul), Latin for

the first words of Psalm 103. The hymn was first translated into English by John Mason Neale, a resident of London who was ordained in the Church of England, likely in 1851. "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" is traditionally sung on the last Sunday before Lent (or Shrove Tuesday), so that the church can celebrate with "Alleluia"s one last time before the penitential season begins.

Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318



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

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister
L: Lector
A: Assisting Minister
C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

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