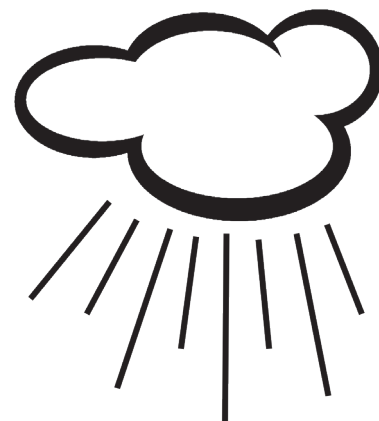


Transfiguration

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of Our Lord (Year C)

In Jesus, the Son of God, we have the new Moses; not simply a prophet, priest, giver of the law, or a judge — this One is God in the flesh. His majesty is revealed on the mountaintop as he conferred with Moses himself, and Elijah. Jesus is infinitely more worthy of praise than Moses or any other servant of the Lord who came before him. This is the Savior of the world who will sacrifice everything for humanity.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Joshua is Put in Charge

At the very edge of the Promised Land God showed Moses what will belong to his descendants. It was there in the valley of Moab that Moses died and was buried. The people mourned the loss of their great leader. Now was the time for Joshua, Moses' protégé, to take the lead and finish the journey that had begun long ago in Egypt.

Psalm 99:1-9

The Lord is Great in Zion

The psalmist recalled the journey of Israel to the Promised Land, led by Moses and Aaron, in faith. The people of God, as well as the whole earth, shake in the sight of the Lord. His holy presence causes a holy fear. His voice was heard in the pillar of cloud and he answered his people when they cried for help.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6

Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest

Jesus, the great high priest, is worth even more praise than was given to Moses before him. Moses was faithful as a prophet; Jesus is faithful as a Son. The metaphor of a house is used: Jesus is the builder and his followers are the house he built.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

A Mountaintop Experience

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the mountaintop to pray. While the Lord prayed, his face and clothing turned a dazzling white. Jesus was met there by Elijah and Moses who spoke to him about his impending departure from the world. When the three disciples awoke they had a glorious sight to behold, but they didn't understand what it meant.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White
- Use the Kyrie OR Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Nicene Creed on this Festival Day.
- How does God meet us at the bottom of the mountain when we have to put into action the skills and abilities he has given us? How is this just as important (if not more so) than the mountaintop highs we get on occasion?
- Joshua was a student of Moses'. Moses mentored him so that when the time came, Joshua would be equipped to take over leadership of God's people into the Promised Land. Do you have mentors in the parish that guide younger disciples?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Alleluia, Song of Gladness	---	654	417	318	---	---
Oh Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair	80	---	413	316	---	---
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	526	---	802	834	40	40
Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies	265	---	873	553	164	164
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	---	649	411	815	---	---
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	328	---	549	634	16	16
My God, How Wonderful Thou Art	524	---	---	863	2	2
O God of Mercy, God of Light	425	---	852	714	---	---
O Living Bread From Heaven	197	---	642	542	---	web

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

King of Kings
(CCLI# 7127647)
Marching in the Light of God
(CCLI # 320947)
Shine Jesus Shine
(CCLI # 30426)
All Hail King Jesus
(CCLI # 12877)
Broken Vessels/Amazing Grace
(CCLI # 7019974)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.