

SOTC Worship  
February 19 2023  
Transfiguration Sunday

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GREAT IS THE LORD

C Dm G/B C F/A G  
Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just, by his pow-er we trust in his

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C C Dm G/B C  
love. Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C  
mer-cy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord, and

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C B<sup>b</sup>/C F/C B<sup>b</sup>/C G/C C  
wor-thy of glo-ry. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who makes all things new,  
 whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Almighty and merciful God,  
**we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to those around us when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins, and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all.**  
**Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you: that God *is* light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son + cleanses us from all our sin.

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

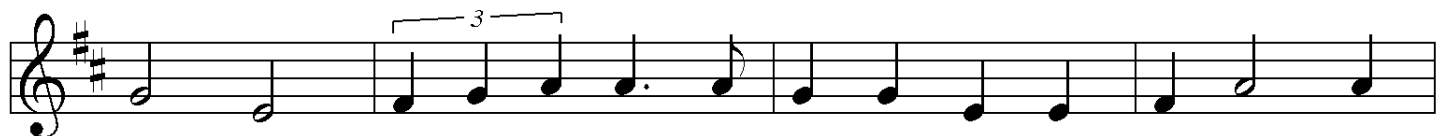
## GLORY TO GOD



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



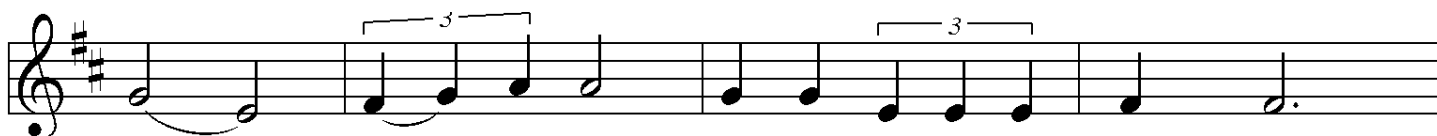
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



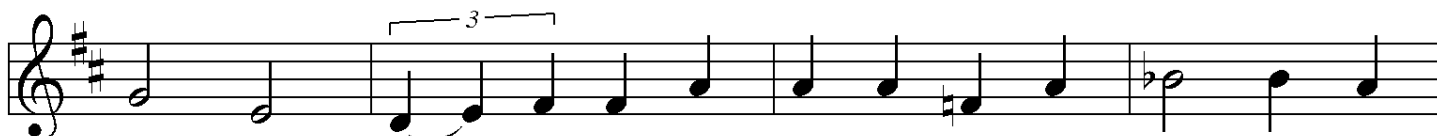
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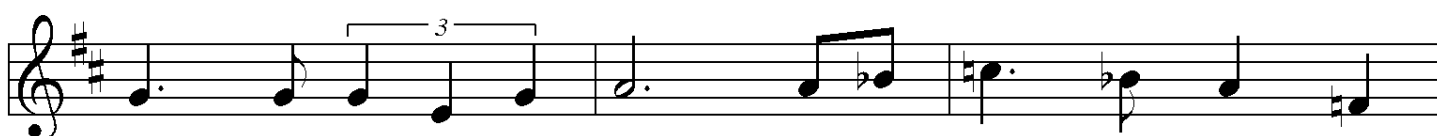
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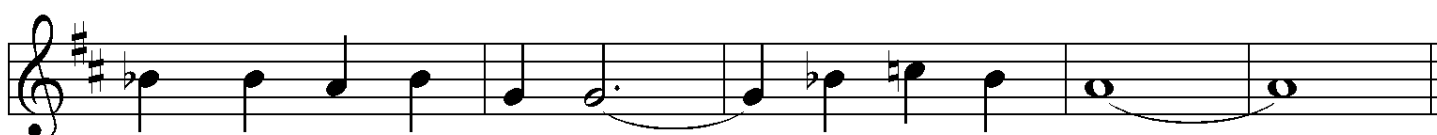
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



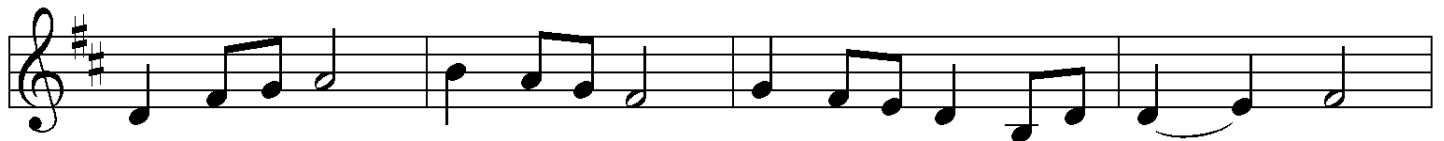
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



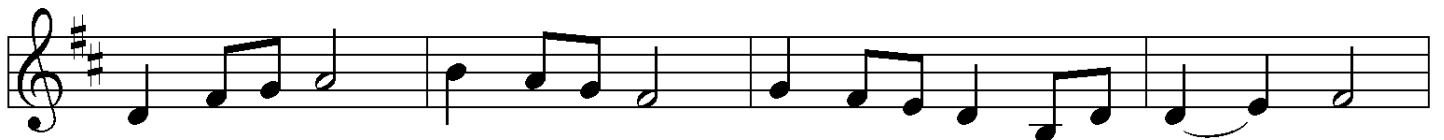
**I**  
**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



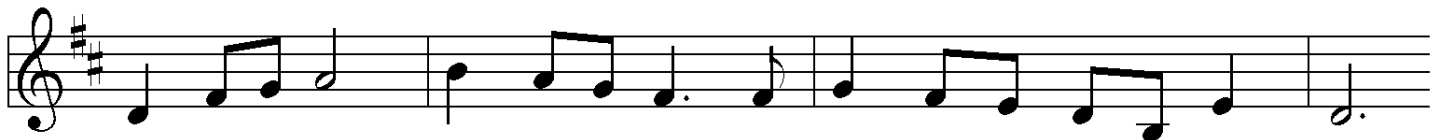
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## WORD

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: EXODUS 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### PSALM: PSALM 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!

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

<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool.

**Holy is he!**

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

**They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup>**He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees,  
and the statutes that he gave them.**

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup>**Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy.**

#### SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.**

**Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>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!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>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."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

## SERMON





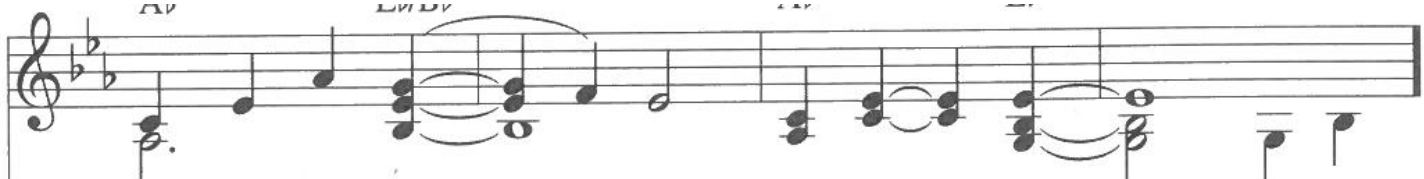
1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John  
 2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.  
 3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,



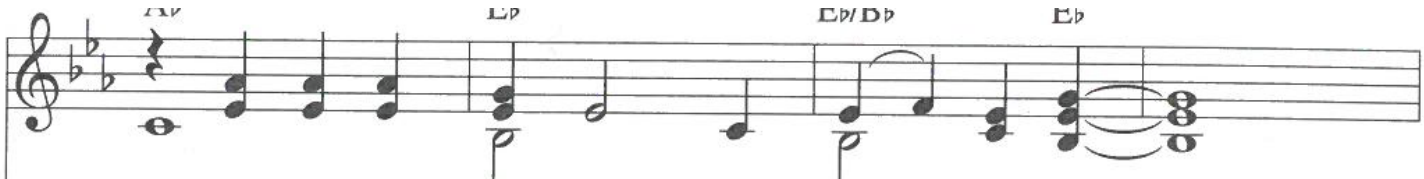
up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.  
 "Lis - ten to him . . . . . and do what he says!"  
 and live with him . . . . . in heav - en a - bove.



While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;  
 Soon as it came . . . . . that vis - ion was gone,  
 But while we live on this earth - ly home,



and they saw Mo - ses face to face.  
 and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.  
 our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.



Come to the moun - tain to see the light.



Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.

Go to the val - ley, it is your home.

Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

## MEAL

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

#### 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 God thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests and slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across multiple notes.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**



**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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