

Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose love cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God, **we confess that we have sinned against you. We turn inward and fail to live your outward way of love. We delight in the light of your presence, but retreat or resist when your love leads us into the dark places. We distance ourselves from the needs of others. Forgive us our sins—those we commit knowingly and unknowingly, individually and communally, by our actions and by our inaction—and grant us your divine mercy. Amen.**

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we are claimed as God's beloved children. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are freed to live as beloved community, to work for justice, and to strive for peace in all the earth. **Amen.**

WELCOME SONG That's Why We Praise Him

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| 1 He came to live, live a perfect life.
He came to be the living word our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled .
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might . | Chorus That's why we praise Him that's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King
'Cause He gave His ev'rything. |
| 2 He came to live, live again in us.
He came to be our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love.
He came to go prepare a place for us. (Chorus) | Halle, hallelujah,
Halle, hallelujah, (REPEAT 3x)
(Chorus)
'Cause He gave His ev'rything |

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE Shine on Us

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| 1 Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.
Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us, | 2 Lord let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us.
Lord let Your grace,
Grace from Your hand fall on us, |
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That we may be saved,
That we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your light shine on us.

That we may be saved,
That we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your grace fall on us

3 Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love,
Love with no end come over us,
That we may be saved,
That we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your love come over us.
Let Your grace fall on us.
Let Your light shine on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray . . . **Radiant God, the light of your love shines in our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43a

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as

they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. John Schwehn

The sermon will be sent out separately next week. Thanks for your patience!

HYMN OF THE DAY #314 Arise, Your Light Has Come All verses

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| 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today. | 2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor. |
| 3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn. | 4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong. |

CONFESSION OF FAITH 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.

OFFERTORY

Offering can be mailed to the church (5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429), or to given electronically via the "Give" button at the bottom of our website (www.crossofglory.us). Thank you for your continuing to support God's work here at Cross of Glory!

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#838 Beautiful Savior verses 1, 3 and 4

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Illumined by the light of Christ, let us pray for the Christ, the world, and all those in need...

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for the ways your presence is revealed in the face of all our neighbors. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who dwell in darkness on this day: for your children tormented by demons, for loved ones battling disease, for friends who are incarcerated, for our sisters and brothers who are unsheltered and sleeping in the cold, for those stuck in situations of violence and abuse, for those whose suffering goes unnoticed, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For prophets who point us to you: for the voices of those from the margins and from below, the voices dismissed and ignored, the voices calling us to repentance, to truth, and to love, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our care of God's creation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those in need of healing, especially Brenda Edstrom, Mavis Wold, Gil Hartlage, Terry Stejskal, Vicky Jacobson, Jeannie Kuzmich, Jennifer, granddaughter of Penny Lindblom, Cindy, daughter of Dave and Nancy Hengel, and the loved ones of Gordon Nelson as they grieve his death. Christ our healer, transfigure our suffering into celebrating, our loneliness into community, our bereavement into consolation, and despair into a defiant hope, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance amidst the struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray together the prayer that 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.

BLESSING

May the glory of God transform and transfigure you ✠ as we journey from Epiphany into Lent, from the mountaintops to the streets below, from Sunday worship into the week ahead. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG #671 Shine, Jesus, Shine verses 1, 2 and 3

- 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**
- 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** 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!
- 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**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Radiate God's love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Worship Team vocalist: Erik Haugland
Lector: Gayle Merritt
Acolyte: Earl Simons
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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Congregational Support as of 12/31/2020
Annual Budget: \$225,000.00
Year to Date Budgeted: \$225,000.00
Year to Date Received: \$225,853.63
Difference: \$853.63

Community Announcements:

- If you're worshipping on Zoom, refill on coffee and join us for Virtual Coffee Hour, a short time of small-group fellowship following today's service.
- Following Virtual Coffee Hour, the Worship Music Arts Committee will gather on Zoom for its monthly meeting.
- As we approach the season of Lent, please refer to the mini-Glory Banner included with this week's worship materials for more information about ways to take part in this holy season. This Wednesday 2/17, drive by the church (main door off Brooklyn Blvd) between 4-6 pm for ashes and an Ash Wednesday blessing.
- All are welcome to take part in our weekly Bible Study, which takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom.
- Please be alert: there's a form of online theft that continues to target faith communities across the country. The scam sends emails to members and claims to be from the pastor, asking that you purchase gift cards. If you receive an email claiming to be from Pastor Ali with a request of this nature, please delete or block it. Pastor Ali will never ask you to buy gift cards, and will never request money from you over email. All communications from Pastor Ali will come in the form of announcements during worship services or direct phone calls. Emails from Pastor Ali will come exclusively from this address: atranvik@crossofglory.us. If you do receive a suspicious-looking email, please report it to the church office (763-533-8602) so that we can be aware and help look out for one another!
- Due to the decrease in the 14-day positive Covid-19 case counts for Hennepin County over the past few weeks, Cross of Glory is now in Level 2 of our Preparedness & Response Plan. This means indoor groups of 10 or fewer people are welcome to gather on-site assuming all Building Entry Policy guidelines are maintained. Please schedule gatherings ahead of time by calling the church office. Worship services will continue to be virtual under this level. For more information, please consult our Covid-19 Plan on our website or reach out to the Task Force.
- Liturgy means "the work of the people." We're grateful for all the ways our shared work helps shape our weekly worship! If you are interested in being added to our list of readers, please email Linda Knudsen at lindadknudsen@comcast.net.
- Please reach out to Pastor Ali with any other announcements or pastoral care concerns by email (atranvik@crossofglory.us) or phone (763-533-8602).