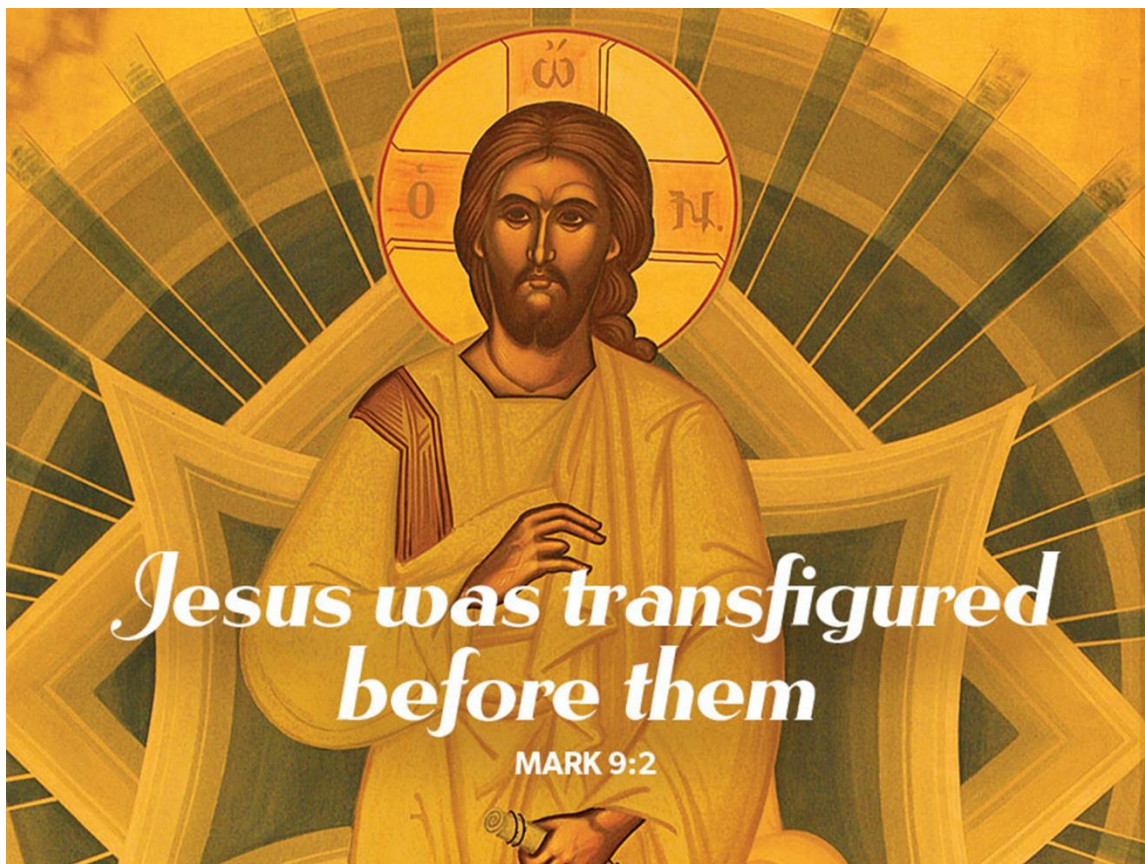


# Transfiguration of Our Lord

## Praise Service



February 11, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*+ Stand if you are able.*

*The Praise Team invites everyone to sing along*

## ***PRAISE PRELUDE - "King of Glory" (Praise Team Only)***

### *Verse 1*

Yes the world will bow down  
And say You are God  
Every man will bow down  
And say You are King  
So let's start right now  
Why would we wait

### *Chorus*

King of Glory fill this place  
We just wanna be with You  
Just wanna be with You  
King of Glory fill this place  
Just wanna be with You  
Just wanna be with You

### *Verse 2*

Yes the world will bow down  
And say You are God  
Every man will bow down  
And say You are King  
So let's start right now  
Why would we wait  
We can praise You now  
In victory

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

So we'll sing Hallelujah  
'Til You come again  
And we'll dance in Your presence  
'Til You come again  
I'll just sing Hallelujah  
'Til You come again  
And I'll dance in Your presence  
'Til You come again  
We will sing Hallelujah  
'Til You come again  
Yes we'll dance in Your presence  
'Til You come again  
We will sing Hallelujah  
'Til You come again  
And we'll dance in Your presence  
Dance in Your presence  
Dance in Your presence  
Dance in Your presence

### *Chorus*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light!

**Pierce our darkness; scatter the shadows of doubt and fear! Bring us your light, O Lord.**

We seek the light but have long lived in the darkness. Bring your light O Lord.

**Help us be ready to receive that light!**

Come to the shining presence of Jesus. Receive healing and hope.

**Lord, our lives are ablaze with your love and healing power. Praise be to you, O Christ!**



**+ PRAISE MEDLY - "Praise**

*Verse 1*

I'll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain  
I'll praise when I'm sure  
Praise when I'm doubting  
I'll praise when outnumbered  
Praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in

*Chorus 1*

As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

*Verse 2*

I'll praise when I feel it  
And I'll praise when I don't  
I'll praise 'cause I know  
You're still in control  
'Cause my praise is a weapon  
It's more than a sound  
My praise is the shout  
That brings Jericho down

*Chorus 2*

Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

*Bridge*

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the  
grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater  
than You

*Chorus 3*

Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

**+ "Beautiful Savior"**

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.

Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

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.

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

**+ OPENING PRAYER**

The darkness of winter has been our companion, Lord. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and may work for you, offering hope and peace to this world. We ask this, in Jesus' Name. **AMEN**



## **READING - 2 Kings 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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."

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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." <sup>10</sup>He 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." <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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.

**PSALM 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.

***PRAISE SONG - "Come, Emmanuel"***

Come and speak to us  
Come and renew us  
Come and live through us Emmanuel  
Grace to implore us  
Ever before us  
Come and restore us Emmanuel

*Chorus*

Come Emmanuel come Emmanuel  
Come Emmanuel come Emmanuel

Once mercy found us  
Still You astound us  
Hold and surround us Emmanuel  
Living inside us  
Faithful to guide us  
Cover and hide us Emmanuel

*Chorus*

Love that begins us  
Pardons and wins us  
Come and reign in us Emmanuel  
Come and speak to us  
Fill and renew us  
Come and live through us Emmanuel  
Emmanuel Emmanuel

*Chorus*

### **READING - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **OFFERING**

#### **+ OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord, You are the giver of all good things, and your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We ask that you accept these gifts and use them to your glory. May these gifts bring shelter to the homeless, comfort to the sick, rest to the weary, and hope to the hopeless. We give freely. There is nothing we could give that matches your glory and majesty, and the greatest gift of your son Jesus and of the Holy Spirit which guides us daily. All we have is yours, Father, and we ask that you would use us and all we have as you will. **AMEN**

#### **+ GOSPEL READING - Mark 9:2-9**

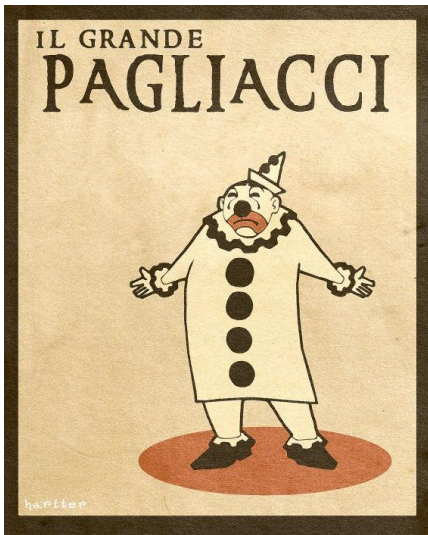
<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then 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." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

### **MESSAGE**

**Pastor Brian**





**+ PRAISE HYMN - "Shine, Jesus Shine"**

*Chorus*

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

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

*Chorus*

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

*Chorus*

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

*Chorus*

### **+ CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

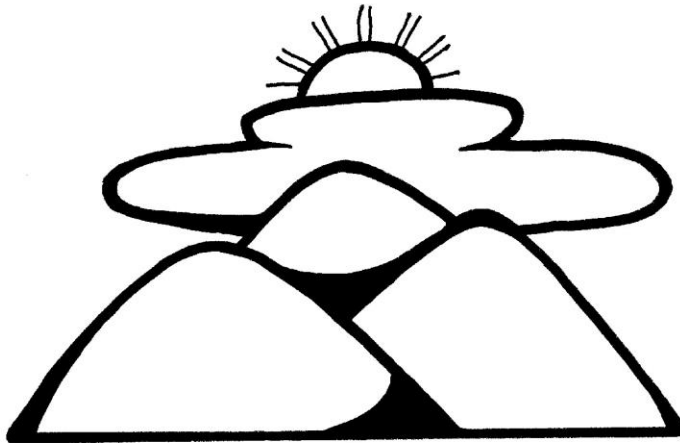
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose 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.**

### **+ PRAYERS**

*Response:* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

### **+ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**



## + PRAISE HYMN – “Christ, Be Our Light”

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- 1 Longing for light, we wait in  
darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy  
people,  
light for the world to see.  
  
*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.
- 2 Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save  
us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to  
belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.  
*Refrain*

## + BLESSING

May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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