

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elisha said to Elisha, "Please 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. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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 sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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 sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elisha went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. . . .

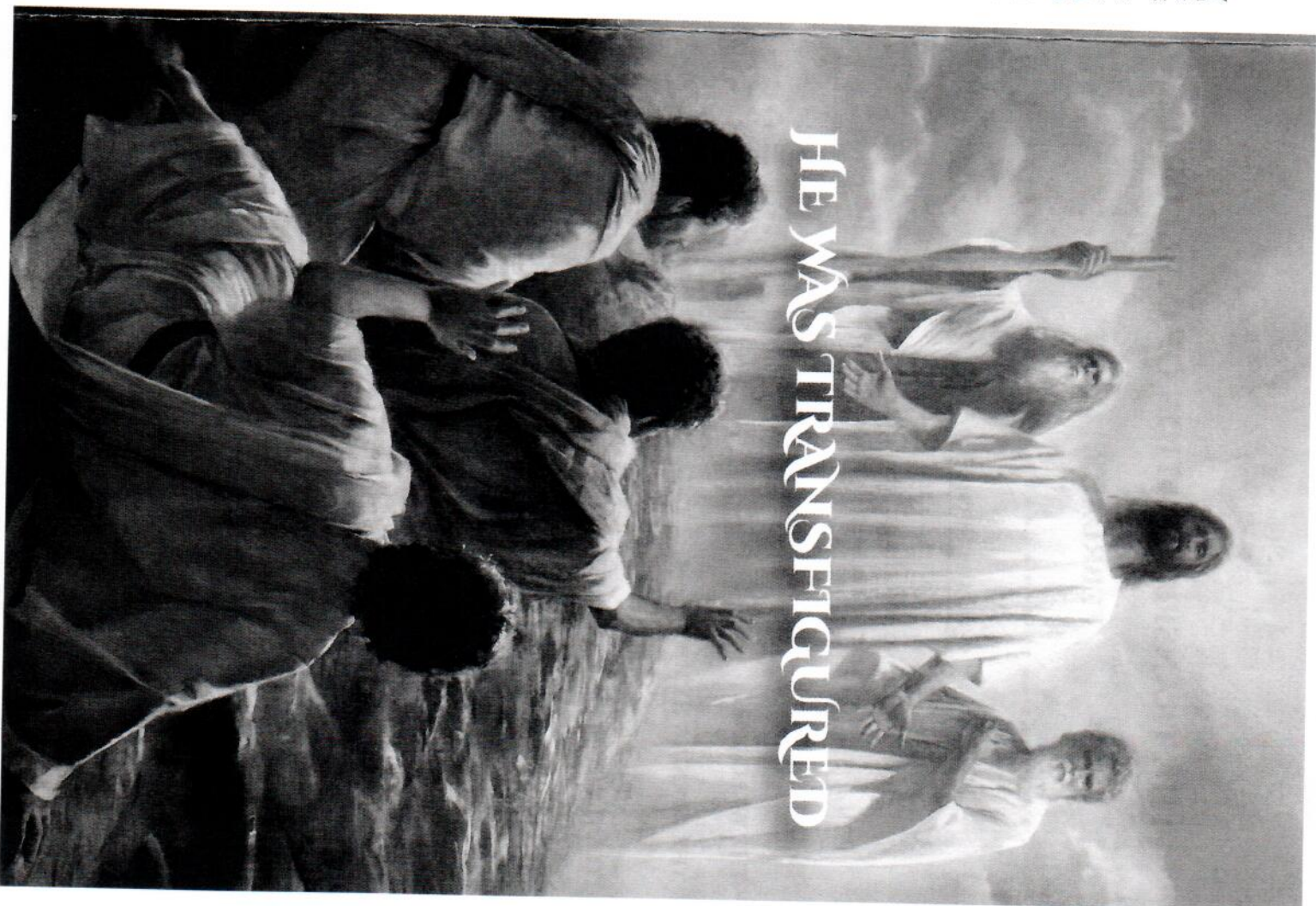
^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

HE WAS TRANSFIGURED



Transfiguration

About the Cover: The radiant light of our Lord's transfigured appearance was more than the disciples could take in. But the voice from heaven drives home the importance of listening to Jesus. Transfiguration Sunday marks for us the end of the season of Epiphany before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Above all is that we, like the disciples before us, listen to Jesus. He has the words of eternal life.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The HYMNS are from the Lutheran Service Book (Maroon Book)
Please stand at the appropriate times.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN NO. 414 - "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"
(Please stand to sing stanza 5)

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy / mountain,*
for the LORD our God is / holy!

C: The LORD reigns; let the peoples / tremble!*
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the / earth quake!

P: The LORD is great in / Zion,*
He is exalted over all the / peoples.

C: Let them praise Your great and / awesome name!* Ho / ly is He!

P: The King in His might loves / justice.* You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in / Jacob.

C: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His / footstool!* Ho / ly is He!

P: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

C: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy / mountain,*
for the LORD our God is / holy!

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE - "To God Be the Glory" (See page 3)

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

William H. Doane, 1832-1915

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done;
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

And o - pened the Life - gate that all may go in.
 That mo - ment from Je - sus a per - don re - ceives.
Refrain Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!

Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,
 And give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.
 C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C: Amen. (Be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
 C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: Praise the LORD, all / nations! *
 Extol Him, all / peoples!

C: For great is His steadfast / love toward us, *
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for - / ever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due His name; *
 bring an offering, and come in - / to His courts!

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
 C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT: Mark 9:2-9

C: Glory to You, O Lord.
 P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated after making confession of our faith)

THE SERMON HYMN NO. 413 - "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

(Sung to the melody of "I Know That My Redeemer Lives", standing to sing stanza 5)

THE SERMON - "Standing On Holy Ground."

Text: Mark 9:2-9

(Stand)

THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition the pastor will say "Lord, in Your mercy."
Congregation to respond with "Hear our prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen. (Please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 416 - "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

(Sung to the melody of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED
FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE COMMUNION WILL BE
ASKED TO COME FORWARD AFTER PASTOR DISMISSES
THE REST OF THE CONGREGATION. IF YOU ARE LEAVING,
PLEASE DO SO AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE.

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