

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2012

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB#822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb

ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.

To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in

or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.

Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.

Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.

verses 3 and 4 on page 2.

3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory!
Joy eternal,
Bliss supernal;
There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.

44 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing:
Holy, holy,
God is holy;
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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INVOCATION AND INTROIT

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

C **Amen.**

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C **For the LORD our God is holy!**

P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C **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! Holy 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!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C **For the LORD our God is holy!**



CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB #417



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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P Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Remember: This Wednesday, February 22 is **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Worship begins at 6:45 PM – NO MEAL THIS WEEK

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

C **Almighty God, like Moses and the elders at Sinai, and like Peter, James, and John on the mountain, we are terrified to see You in all Your glory. We recognize that sin has permeated our whole human nature and all of creation. We understand that we daily sin much and deserve nothing but Your wrath and anger. We are heartily sorry for our sins and come to You in repentance. We know that we are unworthy of Your grace and mercy. We ask that for the sake of Jesus Christ, You would forgive our sins. We ask also that You would give us the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to turn from our sins and live according to Your will. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER

P 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

#680

- 1 **Thine the amen Thine the praise
 Alleluia angels raise
 Thine the everlasting head
 Thine the breaking of the bread
 Thine the glory Thine the story
 Thine the harvest then the cup
 Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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DISTRIBUTION PLEASE NOTE: We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in both individual cups and the chalice (common cup). If you wish to receive it from an individual cup, please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. (The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who for medical or personal reasons should not drink wine.) Please drink from the individual cup, and then hold the cup until the Pastor has passed by with the chalice. The chalice will be offered to communicants who do not have an individual cup in their hand. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come to the Communion rail, fold their hands and receive a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Tis, Good Lord to be Here	LSB	414
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	LSB	821
Holy, Holy, Holy	LSB	507
Let All Together Praise Our God	LSB	389

PRAYER

P Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

C **Amen.**

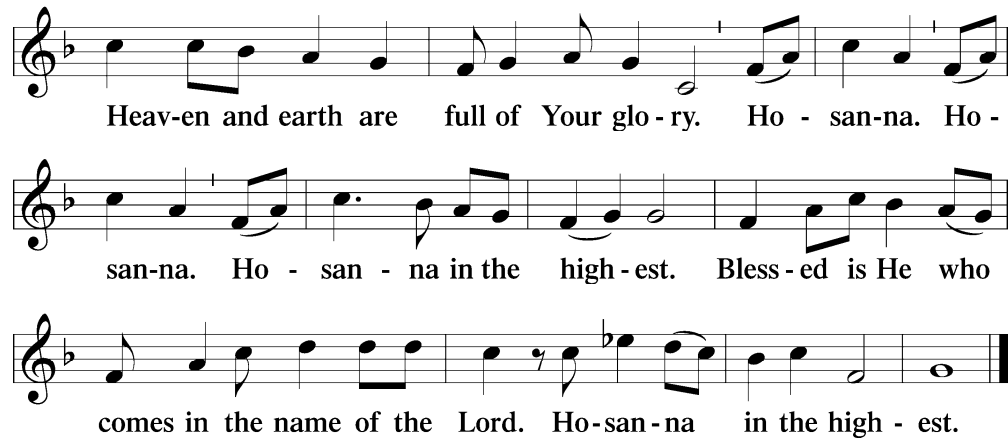
BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

BURYING THE ALLELUIA

“Alleluia” means “Praise God!” Transfiguration Sunday is the last time we sing our “Alleluias” until Christ’s glorious resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday. With the arrival of Lent this week starting with Ash Wednesday we now transition from a time of praise to a 40 day journey of solemn repentance leading to the cross. In Lent we “bury” or refrain from singing songs of praise until we proclaim on Easter morning: *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*



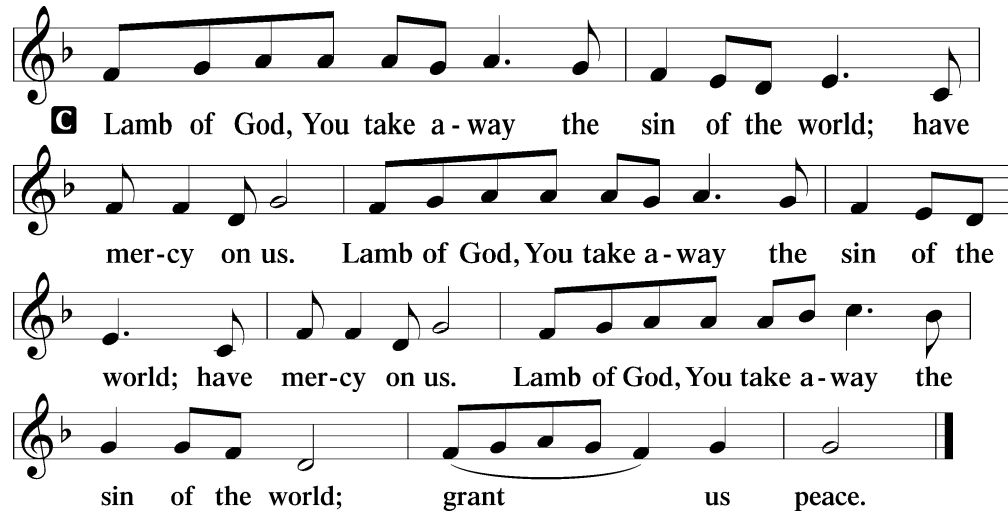
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of our + Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

(Please be seated for distribution)

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 34: 29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he

commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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. ¹Therefore, 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the ninth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²And after 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.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30) *Following the Children's Message, all children ages 3 through 7 are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church. Children will return to their parents in worship during the Offertory.*

HYMN Beautiful Savior #537

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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SERMON *Do you only know enough about God to be disappointed? Not anymore!*
 Exodus 34:29-35
 Rev. Michael D. Ahlemeyer

OFFERING
During the offering all worshipers are asked to sign the Friendship Register. It is in the black binder in each pew pocket on the center aisle. Please pass the Register to each worshiper in the pew. When the Register has reached the side aisle, please pass it back toward the center aisle. As it is being passed back to the center aisle, please take note of the names of the people in the pew with you, and greet one another in the name of Jesus after the service. Thank you.

VOLUNTARY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(The congregation responds after each petition)*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Words may be found on the inside of the back cover of the Hymnal)

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: