

Eighth and Last Sunday after Epiphany
Feast of the Transfiguration
February 27, 2022
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC
Setting 8: A Celebration of Word and Sacrament

Preservice Music/Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome

In this time and place, we gather on the *swiya*,
the unceded ancestral lands of the shíshálh Nation.

With people from many places and times, we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place, we give thanks for the light of God
that shines in the darkness. **A light no darkness can quench.**

In this time and place, we give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh. The light of all people.

In this time and place, we pray that the Spirit of God
will be renewed in our hearts and minds.

That we might be the light of God in the world.

In this time and place, together, one people of God.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Song #307 “Light Shone in Darkness”

Light Shone in Darkness



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, **you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 188 (Alleluia verse)

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-43

²⁸Now 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.

³⁷On 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 convulses him 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.

Sermon

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
 your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here! your beauty to behold
 where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
- 3 *Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
 we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.*
- 4 Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
 we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Affirmation of Faith: A Pilgrim’s Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith.

**All We are a community of faith.
We share a vision of God:
a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing,
the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness,
the spirit which pervades everything.**

**We are reborn in the Spirit,
followers of that Way shown by Jesus:
to love God with our whole being;
to love our neighbours as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us;
to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion
for every person and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm;
to love one another as Christ has loved us.**

**We journey together on this Way
towards reconciliation with the whole creation.
We break bread together and pray together.
We reach out to one another
for strength beyond our own.
This is our community. This is our faith.**

Prayers of the Faithful

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made, saying “God of grace” and responding **Hear our prayer.**

A brief silence is kept.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community non-profits such as Food Banks, Homeless Shelters, Association for Community Living, Community Services, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice and other groups and people who care for the sick, the dying and those who are marginalized. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, patience, courage and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress (*especially Margaret and Dorcas, Ed and Bud, Erika and Rikki, Dan and Terry, Tory and Pam, Dorothy and Ingrid, and those known only to us and to you. . .*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: our Bishops, pastors, deacons, musicians and all who lead us and need us to help us love you and others more by sharing your mercy and light and hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who listened to Christ’s voice in this life and now rest with him (*especially Gwen, Sher, Freda, Hildegaard, Sarah and those who lives and memories are dear to us*). Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

A musical reflection will be played while the table is set

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe: You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love and light to a hungry and worn-out world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving p. 190

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy and eternal One, in whom we live and move and have our being.
You are our origin and our fulfillment;
we praise and thank you for drawing us to the sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love,
you fashioned the marvel of creation, and the beauty of human life.

Here, on the Sunshine Coast, a land shaped by glaciers,
mountains, surging tides, wind and forest,
you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation,
calling us to care for everything given and received.

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory,
to reconcile all peoples to yourself, and to make all things new in him.

Now, gathered from many places, with trees that clap their hands
and birds that call out their praise, we raise our thankful voices
with the saints of every time and place in songs of unending praise, sing:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” p. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer over the gifts of field and vine

Blessed are you, most holy One:

For, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke it, gave it to all the gathered, and said:

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant
 which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, God of all creation, we lift this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us,
 that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
 and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
 and bring us to that heavenly table
 where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.

Blessings, praise, and thanksgiving to you, Holy and Eternal One,
Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (sung)

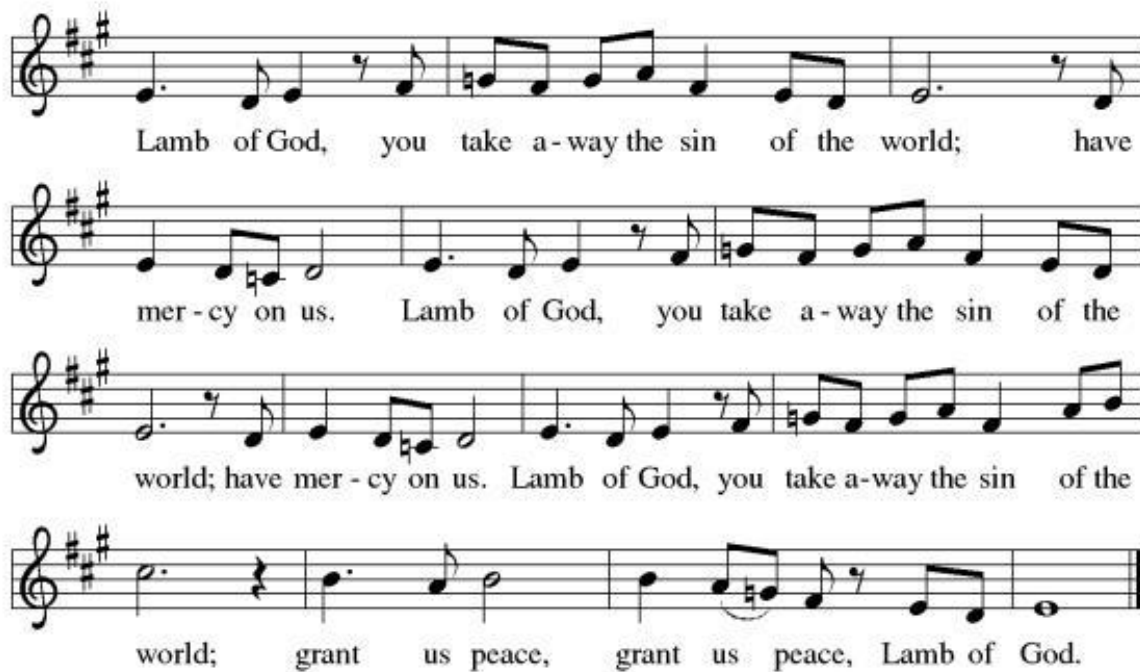
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction (*Breaking of the Bread*)

Invitation to the Table

Come, for all is prepared and waiting for you

“Lamb of God” p. 191 *The servers prepare for distribution*



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, Lamb of God.

Song #466 “In the Singing” *To be sung before and during the meal*

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, **for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.**
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favour to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

#318

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

v. 2 – women only; v. 3 – men only

*Since Lent is a time of reflection and renewal rather than rejoicing,
this “Alleluia!” is the last one sung until Easter morning*

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia you are sounding, true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles still are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.
- 4 In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing alleluia joyfully.

Postlude

Dismissal Go with Christ into a weary world. Be the light you share. **Thanks be to God.**