



Jesus
TRANSFIGURATION



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Welcome

Prelude

Walk In The Light

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Bruce Prewer

One: Today we are celebrating the holy light that illuminated Jesus. We celebrate his transfiguration on the mountain. Light of light: transfusing & transforming light. Divine light flooding out the shadows. Light of love, light of delight. Light that turns doubters into followers.

Many: It is the same God who at the beginning said: “Let there be light,” who has shone in our hearts with an understanding of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: The mightiest One of all, God the Eternal, speaks and summons the whole earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: From God’s holy mountain, God’s light, the perfection of beauty, shines out.

* Opening Prayer

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God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise. Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion. And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward. When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground. When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way. Meet us all on the path made by Jesus. Amen.

Verse 1:

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Verse 2:

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Verse 3:

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children (after, children under 5 go to nursery care)

Reading from the Epistles

2 Peter 1:16-18 (NRSVUE)

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Song

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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Verse 1:

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 2:

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 3:

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Special Music

Behold a New Joy

arr. Malcolm C. Wilson

Thoughts on Giving

Hebrews 13:15-16 (CEB)

¹⁵ So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Song

O Worship Our God

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Verse 1:

O worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
in the beauty of holiness, in the beauty of holiness.
Maker of the starlight beyond us, within us,

from silence, holy wonder,
you birth creation's chorus,

*Refrain: oh, glory hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
with joy we come before you and glorify your name.*

Verse 2:

O worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
in the beauty of holiness, in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus, born of Mary, before us, beside us,
your humble love victorious

has brought a great salvation, *Refrain*

Verse 3:

O worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
in the beauty of holiness, in the beauty of holiness.

Spirit, ever moving, around us, among us,
breathe mercy, flame with justice,

making new your whole creation, *Refrain*

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 17:1-8 (NRSVUE)

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Sermon

“Something Was Happening!”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

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Verse 1:

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Verse 2:

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Verse 3:

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

George Allen

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;
And then go home my crown to bear, for there's a crown for me.

* Please stand as able and led



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