

LIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN



The Week before Lent
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

We have reached the Last Week before Lent and today's gospel recounts the Transfiguration, one of the most dramatic ways that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples. As at his baptism (the gospel reading for the First Week after Epiphany), a voice from heaven speaks and acknowledges Jesus as the Son of God; at the transfiguration, the voice also commands: Listen to him. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, let us remember how Jesus has revealed himself to us during Epiphany and ready our hearts to listen to his voice as we journey through Lent.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, The Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Celebrant: The God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Gracious Light



Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

I Will Worship You

Perfect, You are my God; Righteous and Holy in all of Your ways. Revealing Your glory in all that You do. All Earth will worship You.

I will worship You. I will praise Your name for You are the only Lord and King. I will worship You. I will praise Your name. My desire is to honor You Lord

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

2 KINGS 2:1-12

¹ When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

[&]quot;Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

 $^{^4}$ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

[&]quot;Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan."

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 50:1-6

- ¹ The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.
- Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- ⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- ⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- ⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL MARK 9:2-9

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

- 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.
- ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.



Light on the Mountain

Deb Nickerson Savior Member

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the prayers.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

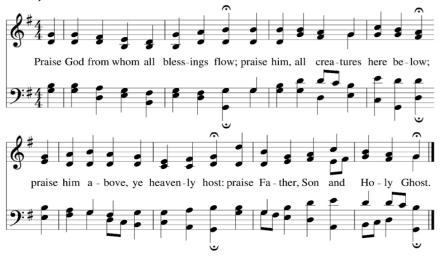
THE OFFERTORY

Sing Allelu

Grace pouring forth like a fountain flowing Our hearts open wide to sing Your praise. And our sound becomes sweet With Your anthems ringing Praise to the name of the Lord.

Sing Allelu, sing Allelu, We rejoice in Your love Most High! Sing Allelu, sing Allelu, In Your light You shine forever, Shine in us, O Lord, forever, We're the light to the world, Allelu!

Let us who are afraid find refuge in Christ And redemption assured in His name. By day and by night we delight in Your love And forever Your Word will remain. You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

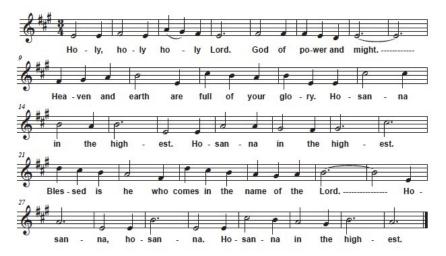
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

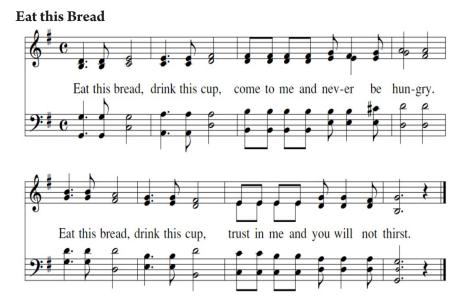
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

COMMUNION SONGS



'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here!

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold, Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past! And hope of things to be! We hail your body glorified, And our redemption see.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Arise, shine, for your light has come; And the glory of God is on you. Arise, see when the earth grows dark That the Lord will arise upon you. The Lord will arise upon you.

Nations will come to your light.
Lift up your eyes and see.
We'll gather together and come to you,
And your love will be all that we know,
Your love will be all that we know.

Arise, come to the open gates For the Father is welcoming you. Fear not for the Lord brings peace And redemption to all who believe, Redemption to all who believe.

The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be All the light that we need; And violence will end; all the wars That we wage will cease.

The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be All the light that we need; And violence will end; all the wars That we wage will cease.

We will glorify your name. We will glorify your name.

I Exalt Thee

For Thou oh Lord, art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods; For Thou, oh Lord, art high above all the earth, Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee, oh Lord! I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee, oh Lord! Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, shine in you and through you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

You may be seated.

BURYING OF THE ALLELUIAS

As we sing the following song, children and youth are invited to process through the sanctuary with their banners. At the end of the procession, they will place their banners in the box, symbolically burying them and representing the beginning of our Lenten fast from the word "alleluia."



Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

After the recessional, please proceed out the front doors in order to participate in the burning of the palms.

BURNING OF PALMS

Together, we burn the palms we carried last Palm Sunday, so they become the ashes that mark us on Ash Wednesday.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we may turn from our wickedness and live; so grant that these palms, the sign of our rejoicing, may now become the sign of our repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for

ever and ever. Amen.

As instructed, you may place a palm branch in the fire.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday worship will be on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30pm at Pleasant Hill Community Church. If you aren't able to get out, we'd be glad to visit you to impose ashes and administer from the Reserved Sacrament; please contact Fr. Kevin. Nursery and childcare for children through Kindergarten will be provided.

Holy Water in the Foyer

Throughout Lent, as you arrive, you'll notice in the foyer our baptismal font, with some holy water in it. If you wish, you may participate in an ancient practice of Christians: dip your fingertip in the water, then make the sign of the cross over yourself. The water reminds us our baptism, and the sign of the cross can become a physical prayer for God's cleansing work in our lives.

Communal Practices for Lent

During Lent, we invite the Savior community to engage in a few practices together, as we think about what it means to share life as God's family. Pick up a card at the Info Table with details on the suggested practices.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: The youth group gathers tonight after the service! Future dates are: February 24th, March 9th, and April 6th and 20th.

CURRENT SERMONS

The Season of Epiphany

January 6, Epiphany: Violent King vs. Vulnerable King, Kevin Miller, Matthew 2:1-15

January 13, A Whole New Dimension, Linda Richardson, Mark 1:4-11 January 20, He Sees You, He Calls You, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:14-20

January 27, He Speaks with Real Authority, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:21-28

February 3, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Kevin Miller, Luke 2:22-40

February 10, Light on the Mountain, Deb Nickerson, Mark 9:2-9

UPCOMING LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The Cross and Community: Sharing Life as God's Family

February 17, Kevin Miller, *Between the Beasts and the Angels*, Mark 1:9-15 February 24, Rochelle Scheuermann, Mark 8:31-38

March 2, Kevin Miller, John 2:13-22

March 9, Kevin Miller, John 3:14-21

March 16, Kevin Miller, Kidnapped: The True Story of My Life, by Patrick

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for supporting this ministry of "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life."

Year-to-Date figures will be provided after the 2024 budget is approved by the parish.

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