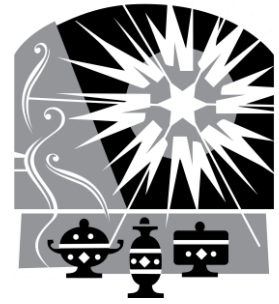


**Worship Plan - Church Year A
2022-2023**



Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration - 2/19/2023

SERIES THEME

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Throughout his ministry Jesus said astounding things and did astounding things. Yet, he looked like a normal man. The prophet said, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him” (Isaiah 53:2). This would all change one day atop a high mountain. There, Jesus gave his disciples—gave his Church—a glimpse of the glory he set aside to be our Savior. And the voice of the Father thundered from the heavens, just as it did at Jesus’ baptism, announcing Jesus’ true identity to the world—the glorious Son of God.

And so the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a one-week bridge between the season of Epiphany, where Jesus is revealed as the true Son of God, and the season of Lent, where we witness what the Son of God came to do.

On the Mount of Glory, St. Peter declared, “It is good for us to be here.” Indeed! For here we see the God of Majestic Glory, who became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. Oh, how much this glorious God loves us!

THEME OF THE DAY

Stand alone day

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:9-18 – On Mount Sinai Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses saw the glory of the Lord as the Savior who takes our fear away.

SECOND READING

*** 2 Peter 1:16-21 – St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith. Peter was an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9 – The transfiguration of our Lord.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Consider using either setting of Morning Prayer; otherwise Setting 4 non-communion, being the last time the Gloria will be sung for a while. Hymns are chosen assuming setting 4 and can be adjusted if MP is used

Ambitious:

Opening Hymn:

389 - How Good, Lord, to Be Here

or

392 - This Brightness, Lord, What Shall I Say

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 2

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

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

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 4

Hymn of the Day:

388 - Down from the Mount of Glory

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

639 - God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Closing Hymn:

977 - Alleluia, Song of Triumph (Farewell to Alleluia - Service Builder only)

or

522 - Beautiful Savior

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

385:3,4 are the Transfiguration verses of this hymn

Notes for the conservative service:

522 could be the closing hymn if Farewell to Alleluia has been used frequently in the recent past. 522 offers a break from that this year.

Notes for the ambitious service: