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FEBRUARY 14, 2021 TRANSFIGURATION

PRELUDE

Friedrichsehr, O Meine Seele

Georg Bohm (1661-1733)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin-ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Anne Vermillion

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled 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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let

light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all who suffer this day especially Ricky, Theresa, Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Carroll, Edwin, Ruby, June, Mark, Robert, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the efforts of teachers, healthcare professionals, first responders and all those who find themselves in harm's way, especially, John, Stacy, Mike, Liz, Dixie, David, Evan, Bill and James let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

VIRTUAL OFFERING *If you have not already prepared your offering to mail to the church, please take a moment now to do so.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *vs. 1 and 3*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain / Estribillo



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.
 Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow,
 flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy. Send forth your Word,
 Lord, and let there be light!

Last time / Última vez

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, In the
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, From the
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, So our
 midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the
 shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; By the blood I may
 fac - es dis - play your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from
 world, shine up - on us; Set us free by the truth you now
 en - ter your bright - ness; Search me, try me, con - sume all my
 glo - ry to glo - ry, Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your
 bring us: Shine on me; Shine on me.
 dark - ness: Shine on me; Shine on me.
 sto - ry: Shine on me; Shine on me.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b.1950; tr. by Luis Alfredo Díaz and Lori Black Mathis
 Tune: SHINE, 9 9 10 10 33 with refrain; Graham Kendrick, b.1950, arr. by Tom Fettke
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

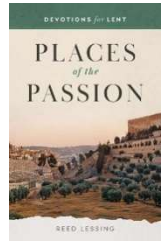
POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus Shine Reprise

TRENDING @ TRINITY

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day.

Trinity has available "Places of the Passion" Devotions for Lent. These short daily devotions follow the entire Gospel of Matthew with an eye toward the places where Jesus suffered, died, and rose again. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.



There will be an Ash Wednesday worship at 7PM. Using the same phone numbers listed below for calling in to Sunday worship, use the following Meeting ID: 899 4797 0595
Passcode: 443220. **Use this log in information for all the Wednesday 7PM Lenten worship services.**

Those attending Pastor's Sunday Bible study at 1PM beginning Feb. 21 may call into Zoom using the same phone numbers listed below for calling in to Sunday worship, use the following (every week) Meeting ID: 821 4333 6302 Passcode: 370380

Epiphanies

On February 7 in her sermon Pastor JMe asked you to pass along "epiphanies" from your daily life/week. Here are some we've collected so far, please, keep them coming, they will uplift us all as we go through the pandemic days.

- ✝ The neighbor of a member made a point of thanking her for the Hanukkah card she had sent in December. It seems this is the first place this person has lived that people were being kind to this family instead of mean and insulting. A card, a few minutes time to write it and address it. That's all it took to make these individuals feel welcome.
- ✝ A member stopped in the office to discuss something with Pastor. She brought along small Valentines gifts for Pastor and Brenda. A gesture of thanks and thoughtfulness brightened the day of these two women. Thank you's go a long way and can often make a blue day brighten tremendously.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89308405981?pwd=TDY0SkxiUWgvNHpUZDBHdGk0aWRqZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 0840 5981 Passcode: 321080

Dial +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

at the prompt, enter Meeting ID: 893 0840 5981 Passcode: 321080

Facebook Live: you must have internet, but you do not need to have a Facebook account

<https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranchurchstephenscityva/live/>

Call to Worship, Every Sunday 11AM Phone # 1-712-832-8330 Participant PIN 3504615

Videos of the service are uploaded each week to Trinity's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE_IzGJ9GDakIw

Children's Virtual Sunday School: <https://youtu.be/p9PPDv6E20o>