



## Messiah Lutheran Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:** *Messiah Handbells*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” ELW 608*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Tell of his glory among the nations!**

Tell of his wondrous deeds among all people.

**Give glory and honor to the Lord.**

Worship the Lord with all your hearts.

Exalt his holy name!

**Say among the nations: The Lord is king!**

**Give glory and honor to the Lord!**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205*

*(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)*



Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.



Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### 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:**

Leader: Creator God, in the beginning you made a home for humanity in the completeness of the Garden. Deep in the shelter of an ark, you sheltered Noah's family from the Great Flood. When Israel fled Pharaoh's rod, you led your people to a home in the Promised Land. In your Son, Jesus, you bring the promise of an eternal home. Give us eyes to see your plan, a heart to trust your provision, and a spirit to find our rest in you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 99:1-5, 9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion;**

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

**<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice,**

**you have established equity;**

**you have executed justice**

**and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

**<sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God,**

**and worship at his holy mountain;**

**for the LORD our God is holy.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Peter 16-21

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>For 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." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Celtic Alleluia"

*ELW Service Music #174*



## GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 17th chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Introduction to HOLY HYGGE ~ Lent 2023  
“Making a Home”

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS:** As beloved children of our faithful God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of courage, bless your Church and its people. Open our hearts in wide welcome of your Holy Spirit. Let your Spirit find a spacious home in which to live and work in and through us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. As we approach a year of war in the Ukraine, we continue to pray for an end to war and for greater stability to Eastern Europe. Our human wisdom and intervention is imperfect, and so, we ask your mercy and hope for all who face uncertain times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who suffer in the face of natural disaster. Bring ready and constant relief to the fear and suffering felt in Turkey and Syria as a result of the devastating earthquakes. Accompany those who are hopeless and comfort them with your abiding presence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, bless all who wait upon the light and love of your healing power (especially ...). Walk with each of us in our human frailty and remind us that you are our shelter, a very present help in trouble.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of vision, bless our dreams and hopes for the sake of the Gospel. As a faith family, we lift our eyes to you for guidance and inspiration to share warm hospitality and gracious ministry in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING:** *Messiah Handbells*

**OFFERTORY: “We Are an Offering”**

*ELW 692*

**Chorus 1**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

**Bridge**

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

**Chorus 2**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

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## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

In Christian faithfulness and love, we seek to be wholly devoted to our Lord and to our neighbor. May the gifts we offer now create gracious hospitality, welcome, and community in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

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.**

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

*Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** *“Blessed Assurance”*

*ELW 638*

**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**