

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

*Beautiful Savior*  
Setting: G. Hamilton

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN #537

*Beautiful Savior*

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| 1 Beautiful Savior,<br>King of creation,<br>Son of God and Son of Man!<br>Truly I'd love Thee,<br>Truly I'd serve Thee,<br>Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.           | 3 Fair is the sunshine,<br>Fair is the moonlight,<br>Bright the sparkling stars on high;<br>Jesus shines brighter,<br>Jesus shines purer<br>Than all the angels in the sky. |
| 2 Fair are the meadows,<br>Fair are the woodlands,<br>Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;<br>Jesus is fairer,<br>Jesus is purer,<br>He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing. | 4 Beautiful Savior,<br>Lord of the nations,<br>Son of God and Son of Man!<br>Glory and honor,<br>Praise, adoration<br>Now and forevermore be Thine!                         |

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*KYRIE*

LSB 168

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE - "Gloria in Excelsis"*

LSB 170

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.

**Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



*THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*FIRST LESSON (Be seated)*

Exodus 24:8-18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 2:6-12 (Sung responsively)*

“As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*SECOND LESSON*

2 Peter 1:16-21

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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to

him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(10:30) CHILDREN'S SERMON*

*ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)*

LSB 173

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*GOSPEL*

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*SERMON (Be seated)*

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ.

It's been a long time since I've watched the show, but I seem to recall that more times than not, when the guest came out for the opening monologue, he or she would say: "It's good to be here hosting Saturday Night Live." In addition to being gracious and a nice way of easing into the statements to come, I believe the line became sort of a tradition.

In today's Gospel reading, Peter seems to be saying the same thing. "Lord, it is good that we are here." His words suggest that he's happy and appreciative. And why wouldn't he be? Jesus had just been wonderfully transfigured before him, with Moses and Elijah appearing there too.

But Peter goes on to then suggest that he should build three tents – one each for Jesus and the two great Old Testament figures. And this suggestion seems a bit strange. The other Gospel writers, in fact, tell us that he "didn't know what he was saying."

Was Peter, with his statement, indicating more than just his joy in being at that place? Did he see himself in the role of host too? That's kind of how it sounds – especially with the translation we read. Peter said: "Lord, it is good that we are here." Did he think his presence was somehow helpful?

The Church has never arrived at a consensus about what exactly Peter's words meant. But because of what the other Gospel writers said about them, it's not important that we nail down the meaning.

What everyone does agree on, is that Peter certainly felt he was being blessed that day. That's the sentiment, for instance, expressed in the well-known Transfiguration hymn *'Tis Good, Lord, To be Here*, which we will sing during the distribution today.

On the mount of Transfiguration, it's safe to say that there was much goodness being felt and expressed. By extension, the story is also good for us. It's good because it reminds us that we receive similar blessings as those given that day.

This is the angle we'll take in today's sermon. And to get us started, let's consider four ways in which the event of the Transfiguration was good for those first disciples.

First, it was good for them in that the glory of God in Christ Jesus was more fully confirmed. That's what Peter himself says about the event years later, as we heard in today's second reading. Peter tells how Jesus "received honor and glory from God the Father" that day, and recalls how the voice of God spoke, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Seeing and hearing those things more fully confirmed Peter's faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Peter realized what a gift the Transfiguration was. God had not revealed his glory in such a way since the days of Moses – when Moses met with God and God's glory was reflected on Moses' face. Certainly Peter would have thought about that well-known story when he saw Jesus' face shine.

Notice, though, that the church has us read a different story about Moses today. In this reading, Moses and seventy others go up the mountain, where they see God and are spared from the immense power of his glory. The fact that they were spared was remarkable – because no one was supposed to be able to see God and live.

And this story is shared with us so that instead of making the connection between Moses and Jesus, we would make the connection between Jesus and God. Moses, Elijah, Peter, James and John were all there in the presence of Jesus – God's Son who shares his glory. And they were not destroyed by that glory but were blessed by it. This is remarkable too and tells us how Jesus bestows the same blessings as God.

When Jesus was transfigured, Peter's faith was more fully confirmed. And that's a first reason the event was good.

A second reason is that Peter and the disciples got to see Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. This conversation was certainly another sign of Jesus' great prestige and honor. At the same time, however, it also tells us more. In that image we are to see how Jesus stands within the tradition of both the Law and the Prophets.

Moses represents the Law. He was Israel's great lawgiver. Moses gave the Law both as statement of God's commandments and testimony to God himself.

Jesus, as we heard in our Gospel reading last Sunday, said that he did not come to change the Law. Rather, he came to fulfill it. This means two things. First, it means that he will interpret the Law according to the new covenant which God was establishing through him. Second, it means that he would live the Law, fulfilling its demands in our place.

Jesus did not come to abolish the Law. Nor did he come to abolish the prophets.

Elijah represents the prophets. We recall how Elijah did great miracles among the people and spoke boldly to the ungodly of his time. Elijah also pointed ahead to a future life through his direct ascent into heaven.

Elijah prefigures John the Baptist – the forerunner of Christ. But Elijah also points ahead to Jesus, who did the same things as Elijah – he preached, healed and overcame death.

Jesus, in his ministry, fulfilled the message of the prophets – that God would someday send a Savior. Jesus also furthered the work of prophecy – establishing a new covenant and sending the Holy Spirit in an even greater way.

Seeing Moses and Elijah was a second good thing for Peter and the disciples. A third, was the message it gave about upcoming changes.

Jesus' face and appearance changed when he was transfigured. And these changes signaled changes that would be coming soon in his ministry.

Up until this point, Jesus and the disciples enjoyed great popularity. The disciples were happy, the number of followers was growing, and Jesus was well-received by the people. But that would all change. Soon people would begin to question Jesus, and many of his followers would fall away. More than this, the authorities would start to plot against him, and they were determined to take him down.

These changes would impact the disciples greatly. They would all live in fear for a time.

But they would eventually be filled with an even greater joy than before. And they would see their lives change in a great way too... from being followers to being leaders.

These results would come about because of a fourth good thing to note about that day of Jesus' transfiguration. That day also pointed to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jesus mentions these briefly as the episode concludes. He said: "Tell no one the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." We recall, too, that Jesus had mentioned his death to Peter and the others before the Transfiguration – at that time when Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ.

Beyond these words, however, the vision itself also makes the point about death and resurrection. Jesus would eventually end up with Moses and Elijah... and all those who had gone before him in faith. And not just as people who died, but as people who live!

They would be together in a place far more glorious than that mountain. They would be together, glorified and shining, gathered around Jesus, the Lamb of God, in the glorious life to come.

Yes, death would be a part of this. And death is never a good thing. Jesus' death would in fact be pain-filled and horrible – unlike that of Moses and Elijah.

But in another way, Jesus' death would be good. It would be good because it would pay the price of the sin of the world. And with that payment, those who believed could overcome their own death and experience the glory of the life to come.

We've now heard four ways in which the Transfiguration of Jesus was good for those first disciples of his. Peter's remark was on point. It was good for them to be there.

Let's now do some thinking about why the Transfiguration is good for us. And specifically, let us think about how the story – described as a blessed gathering with Jesus – speaks to the blessings which come to us when we gather with Jesus in our worship.

When you come to worship at the church, you should say to yourself: "it is good to be here." And why? The story of Jesus' transfiguration sheds some light.

When Peter offered to build three tents that day, his word for "tent" was one that had earlier been used in the scriptures for "tabernacle." The Tabernacle was where God first promised to appear among us people in their worship. Peter's word choice helps us see the connection between Jesus' transfiguration and our worship.

It is good to be in worship because here the glory of God is "more fully confirmed." When we come to the church, we see Christ in action. We see people being baptized into the faith, confirmed in the faith and growing in the faith. We see people being cared for and treated equally. We see people growing in wisdom and maturity. And we see people finding love and friendship.

I know the church doesn't work perfectly. Sometimes we fail. Sometimes we act like Peter – not knowing what to say but saying it anyway, for example. We fail in many ways, by what we've done and by what we've left undone.

But we live in God's grace. And for the most part, that grace shines in our lives.

It shines especially when it is has been in the presence of Jesus. His glory will warm and shape our hearts and reflect on our faces.

It is good to be in worship, as well, because God's Word and God's people are here. God's Word speaks powerfully as we proclaim it, study it and apply it. And God's people surround us with their great acts – people like Moses and Elijah and all those who are faithful.

Here we are nurtured by God's Law, which tells us the best way to live. And here we are also blessed by the prophets, who remind us of God's promise – especially the promise of sins forgiven.

Furthermore, as with those first disciples, the goodness of Christ is shown as people's lives are changed. Jesus' appearance change was called a "transfiguration." Interestingly, that same word is later used by St. Paul – twice – as he describes the change Jesus work in the lives of his followers. We translate the word as "transform" rather than "transfigure." But it's the same word.

Romans 12:2 says: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

And 2 Corinthians 3:18 says: "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

The transformation that takes place at church is better than that of any place else. It is! It's better than the health club, the therapist's office or the classroom. It's better than the beach or the mountains too. These are all helpful. But not like the encounter with God's word and God's people.

Finally, as it did for the first disciples, Jesus' transfiguration should remind us that there's a death and resurrection coming up. But not for Jesus since he has already died and been raised to life. But for us.

Yes, our death is coming. Someday. And we do well to be prepared.

Thankfully, just as Jesus prepared his disciples by showing his glory on the Mount of Transfiguration that day, so also, he has prepared us. He has prepared us by dying for our sins. And he continues to prepare us by working in our lives.

Peter may not have known what he was saying on that day of Jesus' transfiguration, but he got it right when he said: "it is good that we are here." For it is always good to be in the presence of Jesus.

Some days we even get to see amazing things. But on all days, his amazing presence can lift our spirits. And on all days, we live in his grace.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN OF THE DAY #413 (Stand)*

*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!**
  
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.**
  
- 3 With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.**
  
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**
  
- 5 O Father, with the eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to “listen to Him” as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we ask for Your blessing on this congregation, especially for those who are learning the faith. As Moses was changed when he saw Your glory on Mount Sinai, may we who have beheld Your glory in the face of Christ also be transformed and given boldness of spirit to share Your glory with others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory, witnessing all that the Law and the prophets speak about Him. Grant wisdom to all pastors and church workers to open Your Scriptures in such a way that everyone would hear the voice of Jesus calling them to life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember also all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this authority both here and abroad to serve with integrity and honor for the well-being of all. Grant that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all comfort, You alone bring the peace that passes understanding to troubled hearts. Remember the afflicted, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts, that they would know Your presence, feel Your peace and receive healing according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we praise You for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose has rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith; for to You, blessed and eternal Father, belong all honor and glory, worship and praise, with Your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*OFFERTORY VERSE*      #955

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.**



*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

*PREFACE*

LSB 177

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 Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good right and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

LSB 178

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

LSB 178

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

LSB 179

*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST*

*LORD'S PRAYER*

**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.**

*PAX DOMINI*

LSB 180

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 180

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*THE COMMUNION (Be seated)*

*The Communion Assistant will come forward to receive first, then those from the pulpit side – by order of pew, front to back. Communicants will come up the center aisle and return via the side aisle. When all from the pulpit side have communed, the baptismal font side will commune in the same manner. We ask that the wine be consumed away from the tray table. Empty cups should be dropped into the receptacles.*

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*PRAYER (Stand)*

*BENEDICTION*

*SENDING HYMN Jubilation Choir with Congregation*

Alleluia, Song of Sweetness  
(Tune: Picardy) Setting: D. Busarow

Alleluia... alleluia!

1. Alleluia, song of sweetness, voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia...alleluia! Song of sweetness, thus they sing eternally.

2. Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, all the children sing with thee;  
But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;  
Alleluia our transgression make us for a while forego;  
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.
4. **Congregation:**  
**Therefore in our hymns we praise Thee**  
**Grant us blessed Trinity.**  
**At the last to keep Thine Easter**  
**In our home beyond the sky.**  
**There to Thee forever singing**  
**Alleluia joyfully.**

Alleluia... alleluia!

*ANNOUNCEMENTS (Be seated)*

*DISMISSAL*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE*

*O Wondrous Type*  
Setting: A. D. Miller

**FLOWERS:**

*The mountains and hills shall rejoice, Alleluia,  
While they await thy glory.  
Thou goest, Alleluia; may thy way be blessed,  
Until thou shalt return with joy.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Jennifer Zambone*

**FELLOWSHIP: Leisure Group**

**Those serving:**

Sunday, February 19,

8:00 a.m.

Greeter: Steve Berg  
Comm. assist: Judy Koucky  
Reader: Norm Williams

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Aaron Siebrass  
Comm. assist: Jill Hecht  
Reader: Aaron Siebrass

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