

**Transfiguration Sunday / Last Sunday after Epiphany**

*March 2, 2025*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME STATEMENT**

**PROCESSIONAL** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834



**GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

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.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Brief silence for self-examination*

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: *"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."* In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Bread of Life*

Joel Raney

*"Feed my hunger, set my spirit free, pour out your grace on men."*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

A reading from Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM RESPONSE***Psalm 99*

*(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)*

*Please read responsively.*

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING***2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2*

A reading from Second Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***ELW Setting 3, page 142*

*(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)*

**GOSPEL***Luke 9:28-43a*

The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

ELW 316

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the 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.**

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each prayer petition, please respond:* ... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

... We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Assembly is invited to offer one another a sign of Christ's peace, saying, 'Peace be with you'.)*

**OFFERING***Come to the Mountain*

Scott Tunseth

Jesus Took Peter, James, and John  
Up to the mountain to be alone.  
While they were watching Jesus was changes;  
And they saw Moses face to face.

***Chorus***

Come to the mountain to see the light.  
Come to the mountain to hear God's word.  
Go to the valley, it is your home.  
Go to the valley to serve the Lord.

"This is my Son!" said a voice from the  
cloud.  
"Listen to him and do what he says!"  
Soon as it came that vision was gone,  
And they saw Jesus standing alone. (***Chorus***)

We will be changed like Jesus our Lord,  
And live with him in heaven above.  
But while we live on this earthly home,  
Our work as servants never is done. (***Chorus***)

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*ELW Setting 8, page 190*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son ... through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Modern Version*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**ELW 671**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now, it must be lived.**  
Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*He Is Exalted*

Twila Paris

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He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.  
Jesus is Lord, forever His truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

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### **\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

*Our office is currently in transition. We apologize if we missed any important announcements this week. Please reach out to Pastor Phil if you want something published ([pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com](mailto:pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com)). Your grace and support are very much appreciated!*

- **Mission/ Outreach Committees sincerely thanks the congregation** for all the Giving Tree donations. Two large loads of non-food items have been taken to the Community Food Basket. We will continue this collection through March. What generous givers you are!
- **Lenten Worship Schedule:** All are welcome to Trinity's Midweek Lenten services at **7pm**.
  - March 5 (Ash Wednesday) - Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
  - March 12 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Faithfulness
  - March 19 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Mercy
  - March 26 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Compassion
  - April 2 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Forgiveness
  - April 9 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Love
  - April 17 (Holy Week: Maundy Thursday) - Holy Communion
  - April 18 (Holy Week: Good Friday) - Service of Word and Prayer
- **Lenten Soup Suppers are back!** Gather with us in the fellowship hall **before Wednesday worship** services during Lent from **6pm-7pm** to share a simple soup meal. If you would like to bring a soup to share, please see the sign up sheet at Java Junction. The first soup supper is Ash Wednesday, March 5th and the last is April 9th. Looking forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please contact Suzannah at [suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com](mailto:suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com). Thank you!
- **Easter Breakfast** will be served again this year, thanks to the Enkes and volunteers. All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20, 8am-9:30am. Clean-up begins promptly at 9:30am, so be sure to get to church on time for this delicious meal and fun fellowship opportunity. *Sunday Session, Affirmation students, and First Communion class will not be meeting that day.*
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The TLC Education Committee will host its first **TLC Friends and Family gathering on March 9th from 5pm-7pm** in the basement of the Education Building. This is a casual gathering for adults and youth to socialize and enjoy pizza and games. If you plan to eat with us please email Suzannah at [suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com](mailto:suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com) by Sunday, March 9th at 3pm. If you don't plan on dining with us, feel free to stop by. All are welcome so bring a friend!
- Individuals in second grade or older are invited to **First Communion Class, starting on Sunday, March 30th at 9:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. The class will meet for three sessions: March 30, April 6, and April 13. Please note that there will be no class on April 20 due to Easter. The First Communion service will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 AM. Students are asked to arrive at 9:30 AM that day in order to run through the service together, as well as take photos with Pastor and loved ones. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you! *Please* email Pastor Phil to sign up for class: [pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com](mailto:pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com).
- Come to **Trivia Night at Reddick Mansion** on Saturday, March 22nd at 7pm. Call or email Reddick (815-433-6100/ [contact@reddickmansion.org](mailto:contact@reddickmansion.org)) if you'd like to reserve a table. See Darlene Halm for more information.
- There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY** on *Wednesday, March 5th* or *Wednesday, March 26th*.
- Due to a surgery for a family member, Pastor Phil is **only available for pastoral emergencies** this week. He thanks you in advance for understanding, and he asks you for your prayers.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - January income = \$21,387.64
  - January expense = \$20,248.30
  - Income Less Expense = \$1,139.34
  - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
  - Left on Loan = \$33,229.40

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (3/3):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)  
10a Drum Fit (Lounge)  
4:30p Mission/ Outreach Meeting (Lounge)
- **Tuesday (3/4):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
- **Wednesday (3/5):** *Ash Wednesday*  
No Bible Study  
6p Choir Rehearsal - *until 6:30p* (Choir Room)  
6p Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
7p Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary)
- **Thursday (3/6):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)  
1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (3/7):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (3/8):** *International Women's Day*
- **Sunday (3/9)** 9a Sunday Session (Education Building)  
9a Affirmation Class (Conference Room)  
10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
5p-7p TLC Pizza Party (Education Building)

**\*\*\*IF YOU (or someone you know) IS INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME, CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER POSITION, PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR PHIL FOR MORE INFORMATION.\*\*\***

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

*Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.*

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Elle McGrath*  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Matt Gross*  
Communion Assistants: *Anne Lauterjung*  
Altar Guild: *Deb Guenther & Linda Scott*  
Video Tech:  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Reagan Duffield*  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Beth Schuett*  
Communion Assistants:  
  
Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman & Sally Mathis*  
Video Tech:  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*