

Order of Service, Sunday August 8, 2021
The Feast of the Transfiguration
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR
10 AM Morning Worship-Liturgy of the Word



Opening Hymn 58 (*blue hymnal*) "Lo, he comes with Clouds Descending"

Welcome Greeting

Acclamation

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

Collect: (*Let us say together*)

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson - A Reading from Exodus 34:29-35

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.

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil
deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Lesson ~ A Reading from 2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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. 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

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. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 9:28-36

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.

- This is the Word of the Lord
- Thanks be to God

Hymn 126 (*blue hymnal*) "The People who in Darkness Walked"

Homily

Sara Jameson

Nicene Creed (*let us stand and say together*)

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.**

The Prayers of the People are a Special form for Transfiguration

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.

In peace we make our prayer to you. In trust we confirm our faith in you ...

Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.

Lord, look with favor on us.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favor on your Church,

proclaiming your beloved Son to the world and listening to the promptings of his Spirit ...

May your church be renewed in holiness that it may reflect your glory.

Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favor on the nations of the world,

scarred by hatred, strife and war ...

May they be healed by the touch of your hand.

Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favor on those in need and distress,

suffering as your Son has suffered and waiting for the salvation you promise ...

May the day break and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.

Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you so that we shall be glorified with you.

According to your promise, bring all Christ's brothers and sisters ...

to see him with their own eyes in majesty

and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

To him be praise, dominion and worship now and for all eternity.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. ***Amen.***

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*let us sing*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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. Amen.**

Prayer for St. Martin's (*let us say together*)

God of Love,
open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work
in creation, the church, and our parish.
Fill our hearts with your love
that we may reach out in love to others.
Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit
that we may find new ways to live into life with you.
Give us a vision of your mission
that we may share your love and your spirit
in all the places where we work and play and worship you.
In Jesus' holy name, **Amen.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries to Celebrate

Announcements

The Peace

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you
- And also with you

Closing Blessing: The LORD bless us and keep us. The LORD make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; The LORD lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 423 (*blue hymnal*) "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sources:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/festivals-0>