Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: TRANSFIGURATION

Verse 1

From the cloud You speak. What was veiled now is seen: Jesus, the image of The invisible God.

Verse 2

Divinity confirmed In the transfigured Word. A kingdom once concealed On the earth now revealed.

Chorus

(Come on, we sing)

Holy is the Lord, revealed before my eyes, And my burning heart can scarcely take it in. As I behold Your beauty with unworthy eyes, The only song my soul can find to sing Is hallelujah.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah, my King!

Verse 3

Lead my longing heart To the high ground,
To a clear view.

And in awa I'll he there Rehelding You

And in awe, I'll be there Beholding You.

Chorus

Holy is the Lord, revealed before my eyes, And my burning heart can scarcely take it in. As I behold Your beauty with unworthy eyes, The only song my soul can find to sing Is hallelujah. Hallelujah! Hallelujah, my King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, my King!

Now I know, I have seen (come on)
Your glory that cannot be unseen.
I am changed, and changing still
As I look upon You Lord and believe (oh, Holy).

Chorus

Holy is the Lord, revealed before my eyes,
And my burning heart can scarcely take it in.
As I behold Your beauty with unworthy eyes,
The only song my soul can find to sing
Is hallelujah.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah, my King! (oh, God)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, my King (oh, hallelujah)!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, my King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, my God!

Is hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, my King!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

L This morning's lesson is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Christians, the third chapter.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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.

L Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

- P The Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.
- P Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

 31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now 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. 33Just 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. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then 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.
 ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38Just then a man from the crowd shouted,
- "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly 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. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."
- P 41Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42While 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.

 43aAnd all were astounded at the greatness of God.
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: OUT OF HIDING

Verse 1

Come out of hiding. You're safe here with me. There's no need to cover What I already see. You've got your reasons, But I hold your peace. You've been on lockdown, And I hold the key.

Chorus

'Cause I loved you before you knew it was love,
And I saw it all, still I chose the cross,
And you were the one that I was thinking of
When I rose from the grave.
Now rid of the shackles, my victory's yours.
I tore the veil for you to come close.
There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore.
You're not far from home.

Verse 2

I'll be your lighthouse
When you're lost at sea,
And I will illuminate everything.
No need to be frightened By intimacy.
No, just throw off your fear,
And come running to me, woo-ooah.

Chorus

'Cause I loved you before you knew it was love,
And I saw it all, still I chose the cross.
And you were the one that I was thinking of
When I rose from the grave.
Now rid of the shackles, my victory's yours
I tore the veil for you to come close.
There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore.
You're not far from home.
You're not far from home.
Keep on coming, ayeh.

Bridge

And oh, as you run, What hindered love Will only become Part of the story.
And oh, as you run What hindered love Will only become Part of the story.
And oh, as you run What hindered love Will only become Part of the story.
And oh, as you run What hindered love Will only become Part of the story.

Ending

Baby, you're almost home now. Please, don't quit now. You're almost all to me, yeah. Baby, you're almost home now. Please, don't quit now. You're almost all to me, yeah. Yes, you are.

Now, baby, you're almost home now. Please, don't quit now. You're almost all to me, yeah.

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- (a) It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING COMMUNION

As you see the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- Amen.

SENDING SONG: FREEDOM REIGNS

Verse 1

Where the spirit of the Lord is, There is freedom. Where the spirit of the Lord is, There is freedom. Lift Your eyes to heaven, There is freedom. Lift your eyes, Lift Your eyes to heaven, There is freedom.

Chorus 1

Freedom reigns in this place, Showers of mercy and grace Falling on every face. There is freedom.

Verse 2

If You're tired and thirsty, There is freedom.
If You're tired and thirsty, There is freedom.
Give Your all to Jesus, Give him all, there is freedom.
Give Your all to Jesus, There is freedom.

Chorus

Freedom reigns in this place, Showers of mercy and grace Falling on every face. There is freedom. Jesus reigns. Jesus reigns in this place, Showers of mercy and grace Falling on every face. There is freedom.

Chorus

Freedom reigns in this place, Showers of mercy and grace Falling on every face. There is freedom. Jesus reigns. Jesus reigns in this place, Showers of mercy and grace Falling on every face. There is freedom.

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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.
 Share the good news.
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☑ Thanks be to God.