

The Transfiguration of our Lord

A Celebrate! Worship for Every Festival⁺

Service of Holy Communion



Welcome

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: In the name of God as Creator, Jesus as Savior, and the Holy Spirit, ever-present with us. Amen.

Invite children forward to watch pouring of the water. May want to talk about baptism.

All: Holy God, the light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Reveal to us the mysteries of faith and transform us through your beloved Son. Illumine the world that is created in your image. Amen.

Word

Reader: Today is called Transfiguration Sunday. On this day, Jesus and 3 disciples go up a mountain and encounter two important people from the Old Testament. Before we get to the story of Jesus, we want to share the stories of Moses and Elijah with you.

You can read from the Bible or story bibles, depending on your context.

Moses meets God on a Mountaintop

Exodus 24:12-18 or
Spark Story Bible, The Ten Commandments, p. 94-98 or
The Whirl Story Bible, The Ten Commandments, p. 70-73 or
The Beginners Bible, God's Rules, p. 124-127 or
Other story bible

The Prophet Elijah Ascends to Heaven

2 Kings 2:1-12 or
The Whirl Story Bible, Elijah and Elisha, p. 102-105 or
The Beginners Bible, The Chariot of Fire, p. 218-223 or
Other story bible

Beautiful Savior ELW 838 v. 1

Psalms 121:1-2 *(read by one or two voices, preferably children)*

Voice 1: I lift my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from?

Voice 2: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Beautiful Savior ELW 838 v. 2

Gospel Reading as Drama: Luke 9:28-36

See attached options: (1) Drama, (2) Pop Up Drama, (3) Video Drama. Alternative option read from The Whirl Story Bible p. 250-253 or Spark Story Bible p. 358-359.

Hymn: Beautiful Savior ELW 838 v. 3 and 4

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW 671 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Apostles' Creed

Leader: Please stand as you are able as we join our voices together in the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed.

Sharing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other.

Offering & Special Music

Prayer Song: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752 (sung once)

Prayers of the People

Have children or youth read the prayers (or people from a variety of generations), one petition each. You could ask the week before in education classes what people would like to pray for and then write the prayers from the prayer suggestions. Or use these:

Holy God,

We give you thanks for the beauty and grandeur of the mountains. For the varied landscape of hills and valleys, forests and plains, lakes, rivers and oceans (could add names of local places). Inspire us to protect this pristine environment, loving it as you do, so it is available for generations to come. Lord, listen to your children praying...

All: Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Challenge and inspire us to think bigger, to not be limited by our human understanding, to reach for the stars. To understand that we are entrusted with this world you created. Lord, listen to your children praying...

All: Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Teach us to love one another as you first loved us. Help us to feed the hungry, provide clothing, shelter, safety, education, health care and basic needs for all peoples. Lord, listen to your children praying...

All: Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Teach us the faith and help us to pass down these stories. Nurture in us the curiosity that Peter expressed. Encourage us to always be learning. Give us open minds to hear one another. Lord, listen to your children praying...

All: Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Postlude: Climb Every Mountain (from The Sound of Music) could be prelude, postlude, or special music

Art ideas:

- Could create a mountain backdrop ahead of time to use for the day. This could be colored, painted, or a collage of bright colors.
- Could have a child create the bulletin cover based on the Transfiguration story.
- Could pass out paper on small clipboards and crayons as kids come into worship and ask them to draw something they hear or see in worship. They could take them home or post on a bulletin board at church.

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