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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Minister Welcomes and Greets the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This Acclamation is made

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ

**God has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For though darkness shall cover the earth

and thick darkness the nations,

the Lord will rise upon you

and his glory will be seen upon you.

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Hymn: tune, Mannheim or Westminster Abbey

1. **Jesus, Son of God and Mary,
Climbed a hill in Galilee.
There he taught his twelve disciples
With a fresh authority.
'Happy those who have a pure heart,
God my Father they shall see.'**
2. **Jesus, Word of God incarnate,
Climbed a mountain with the three.
As they saw the Lord transfigured
God revealed a mystery:
'See my Son, my dearly loved one,
Listen to him faithfully.'**
3. **Jesus, Lamb of God who suffered,
Climbed the hill that awesome day,
There he bore our shame and sorrow,
Slain to take our sin away;
'O forgive them, my dear Father!'
Words that he alone could say.**

**4. Jesus, risen King of glory,
Climbed the mountain to ascend
To his throne, in highest heaven,
Whence the Spirit would descend.
Alleluia! 'I am with you!
Now, and till all time shall end!'**

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Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 Collect is said by the minister

O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children:
make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book Exodus [24. 12-18]

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out 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. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

**The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**

‘Let us break their bonds asunder:
let us throw off their chains from us.’

**He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.**

Then will he speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury:
‘I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.’

**I will announce the Lord’s decree, that which he has spoken:
‘You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**

‘Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

**‘You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with awe,
and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter [1. 16-21]

[Brothers and sisters,] 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 honour 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 the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn, tune Melita

- 1. When Jesus led his chosen three,
to lift the shadow from their sight,
and on the mountain let them see
his face transfigured, crowned with light:
what grace that day to them was given!
to men on earth, a glimpse of heaven.**
- 2. There Moses and Elijah stood
and spoke about his exodus,
their freedom purchased by his blood,
a passover fulfilled for us!
The law and prophets meet their Lord,
see God revealed, and man restored.**
- 3. Then from the cloud there came a voice,
'This is my own beloved Son';
the scriptures' theme, the Father's choice,
their master stood supreme, alone:
they saw his glory, and they heard
the one eternal, living Word.**
- 4. So may we see and know this grace
the truth which like a burning light
illuminates the darkest place
till Christ himself shall end the night:
when to his people's longing eyes
God's day shall dawn, his sun shall rise.**

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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [17. 1-9]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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 where you would go with us.

Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour 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 favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife and war, and crying out to be changed by the touch of your hand. . . May they hear the good news like a lamp shining in a murky place.

Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour 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 favour.

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, remembering this week: . .
to see him with their own eyes in majesty
and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ will transfigure our human body
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*All may exchange a COVID Safe sign of peace.
i.e. if you aren't living together, don't touch. 😊*

Offertory Hymn AHB 86, tune Grosser Gott

1. **Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy power proclaim;
all in heaven above adore thee,
boundless is thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.**
2. **Hear the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**
3. **Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

Clarence Alphonsus Walworth 1820-1900
adapted by Anthony G. Petti 1932—

This prayer may be said

We give thanks to God for all his gifts to us.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For birth and life and strength of body,
for safety and shelter and food,
we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature,
for words and music and the power of thought,
we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For work and leisure and the joy of achieving,
for conscience and will and depth of feeling,
we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For grace and truth in Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven,
we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

Hymn. tune, St Albinus (AHB 294)

1. **Christ upon the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,
with the saints and angels praise him —
Alleluia!**
2. **Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking:
all the Prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting —
Alleluia!**
3. **Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as his Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder —
Alleluia!**
4. **This is God's beloved Son;
Law and Prophets sing before him,
First and Last, and only One:
let creation now adore him —
Alleluia!**

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Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The minister says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14



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