

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025*

*The Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration Sunday*

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*Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.*

Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 135 O laughing Light, O first-born of creation,**

- 1 O laughing Light, O first-born of creation,  
radiance of glory, light from light begotten,  
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed :  
you shine upon us.
- 2 Day's light is fleeting, yours is light eternal ;  
we look to you, our light within the shadow.  
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.  
You shine before us.
- 3 Light of the world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you.  
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you.  
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory !  
You shine among us.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 771 If you believe and I believe**

If you believe and I believe  
and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit shall come down  
and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free,  
the Holy Spirit shall come down  
and set God's people free.

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**Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant<sup>a1</sup> in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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.

Anthem

## St. Luke 9: 28-36

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus<sup>al</sup> took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,<sup>u</sup> they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,<sup>d</sup> one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen;<sup>d</sup> listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> 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.

### Hymn 69 Just as a Father shows his love (Psalm 103)

- 1 Just as a father shows his love  
to all his children dear,  
so God bestows his love on those  
who worship him in fear.
- 2 For God knows well how we were made,  
remembers we're but clay ;  
our days, like grass, pass quickly by,  
a flower that fades away.
- 3 A wind blows, and the flower is gone,  
its place is known no more ;  
but all the kindness of the Lord  
for ever shall endure.

- 4 From age to age God's love shall last  
for those who do his will ;  
and righteousness he will extend  
to children's children still.

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### Sermon

#### The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

#### Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

#### Hymn 355 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd

- 1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and swordbringer  
Of the way you took and gave.  
You the everlasting instant;  
You, whom we both scorn and crave.
- 2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
Stripped of might upon the cross,  
Shining in eternal glory,  
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are both gift and cost.
- 3 You, who walk each day beside us,  
Sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
Have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.  
Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our death and life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
You, who are our death and our life.

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**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**