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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



**Pastor**

Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



*February 19, 2023*  
*Transfiguration*  
*of Our Lord*

# Gathering

## ✘ INTRODUCTION

*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

## ✘ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new and we are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

## ✘ GATHERING HYMN – Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW #671)

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## ✘ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

✘ **HYMN OF PRAISE – Gloria (Setting 7, p. 176)**



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.*  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.*  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

✘ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray. 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 bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

# Word

## ✘ FIRST LESSON – Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## ✘ RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**“As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## ✘ SECOND LESSON – 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.*

✘ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia! Lord and Savior (ELW p. 151)**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

✘ **GOSPEL – Matthew 17:1-9**

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>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!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

✘ **SERMON**

✘ **HYMN OF THE DAY – How Good, Lord, to Be Here! (ELW#315)**

✘ **APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)**

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**C 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 INTERCESSION**

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross.  
Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns.  
Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C Amen.**

✘ **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

✘ **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, here and around the world. After the offering is gathered, the gifts are brought forward. Please stand, as you are able.*

✘ **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**C Amen.**

# Meal

## ✘ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ✘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, ELW p. 207)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## ✘ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, ...

...We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit...

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours...

...one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ✘ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## ✘ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and taste the joy of God.

## ✘ LAMB OF GOD (Setting 10, ELW p. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

✘ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

✘ **COMMUNION HYMN – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW #815)**

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✘ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C **Amen.**

✘ **BLESSING**

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod † bless,  
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C **Amen.**

✘ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✘ **SENDING HYMN – Oh, When the Saints Go Marching (ACS #950)**

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✘ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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## Monthly Bible study in Fellowship Hall

**Next Session:** Tuesday, February 21st at 10a.m.

**Session Two:** Rhythms and Respect - Commandments 3 and 4

Let's renew our thirst for the Sabbath and our hunger to honor our parents,  
teachers and elders.

Bring a friend and your Bible. Contact Hattie at [hattie.hammer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hattie.hammer@sbcglobal.net) or  
972-637-3191 for more information or a ride.

## ✠ SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal
Music Director:	John Zacharias
Altar Care:	Kris Davies
Assisting Minister:	Kris Davies
Lay Reader:	Mel Hammer
Communion Cup Holder:	Cassi Bennett
Usher:	Julie Schmidt
Videographer:	Gene Davies
Sunday School:	Katie Valencia

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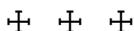
### **You are welcome here!**

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to sign our guest book, located in the narthex.  
Restrooms are located down the hall, to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

### **Our regular weekly schedule:**

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion is at 10:15am.

On Wednesdays, Worship with Holy Communion is at 7pm.



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