

Sunday, February 14, 2010  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

**FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29–35**

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant 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>Afterward 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 99**

*Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

**<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,**

**they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

### **Chapter 3**

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not 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. <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And 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.

### **Chapter 4**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28–36 [37–43a]**

The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus 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, 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, 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 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.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly 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. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While 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. <sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit through baptism, let us come before the throne of God to offer prayers for the needs of the church and world.

Show your glory to the church through the proclamation of the word and the sharing of the meal, that we may be strengthened and sustained for the work you would have us do in the world. God of light,  
**show us your glory and hear us.**

Teach us to be good stewards of the earth, so that the mountains and hills everywhere will provide refreshment and recreation for all people. God of light,  
**show us your glory and hear us.**

Rouse the leaders of nations to be lovers of justice, so that the most vulnerable in society are protected from exploitation and harm. God of light,  
**show us your glory and hear us.**

Speak to those who are afraid—those who fear death, failure, or an unknown future—and those suffering from illness (*especially*). Give them courage and healing. God of light,  
**show us your glory and hear us.**

Fill our congregation with your Spirit and inspire us to reach out to our community with the boldness and freedom we have in Christ. God of light,  
**show us your glory and hear us.**

We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful gone before us (*especially Martin Luther*), whose lives of faith and service have given us a glimpse of the glory of God in Christ. Through their witness, fill us with the hope that we also are being transformed into the same image of glory. God of light,  
**show us your glory and hear us.**

God of faithfulness, through the revelation of your Son we stand before you without fear and lift up to you all in need. In Jesus' name hear and answer our prayers according to your steadfast love.  
**Amen.**

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