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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Color of the Day: White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.

Opening Hymn #415 - *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*
Confession and Absolution Page 167

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 168

Ps. 99: 1-5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy | mountain,*
for the LORD God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*

He is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise Your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is He!

The King in His might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; You have executed justice and
righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is He!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy | mountain,*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

Kyrie Page 168

Hymn of Praise (This Is The Feast) Page 170

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 172

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You
confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and

Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully
foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the
King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in
heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Page 172

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold
the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with
all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of
Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it
were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And
he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld
God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there,
that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment,
which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant
Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the
elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are
with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the
mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered
it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the
cloud. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered
the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty
days and forty nights.

Gradual Page 172

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol Him, all | peoples!

For great is His steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due His name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to His courts!

Epistle Reading Page 172

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to
you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses
of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father,
and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from
heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something
more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as
to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star
rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture
comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever
produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried
along by the Holy Spirit.

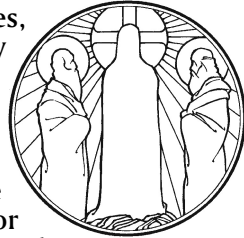
Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse. Page 173

Holy Gospel. Page 173

Matthew 17:1-9

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.



⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #413 - O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

The Sermon The Bible Is the Word of God ~ 2 Peter 1:16-21

Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), visit Pastor Bogs' blog at rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez's blog at pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Introduction

Easter is _____

Today is _____

What Peter Witnessed

He witnessed the _____

Peter saw Jesus _____

Peter heard _____

The Bible Contains the Word of God

The world questions _____

If the Bible merely contains _____

We have to decipher _____

Why all the questioning? _____

The Bible Is the Word of God

If the Bible is the Word of God then _____

We cannot _____

We know and believe that _____

We know and believe that _____

What Does This Mean?

This means we can _____

We can know for certain _____

And we can know for certain _____

This morning _____

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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Prayer of the Church & Offering Page 175

Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God's love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

Offertory Page 176

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠ ✠ ✠

Preface Page 177

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 178

Lord's Prayer and The Words of Our Lord Page 179

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei Page 180

Distribution Page 181

Here at St. Matthew we lovingly practice closed communion. Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we ask you to read our communion statement on the insert behind the pew Bible. If you have any questions, please speak to a pastor or elder. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #873 - Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

#414 - 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

#922 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 181

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction Page 183

Closing Hymn #417 - Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Soli Deo Gloria