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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 #401 – From God the Father, Virgin-Born
Confession and Absolution Page 167

Service of the Word

Introit Page 168

Ps. 84: 1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: Ps. 84:4

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and |
honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
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.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much

more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.
⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)
⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse Page 173

Holy Gospel Page 173
Luke 9:28-36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.



Children's Message

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

The Sermon **We Are His House** ~ Hebrews 3:1-6

Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), check out Pastor's blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez's blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>

Introduction

Peter, James and John _____.

The Other Readings

In the Old Testament _____.

In our Gospel _____.

The Comparison in the Text, Moses

Moses was _____.

Moses was _____.

In essence Moses _____.

Finally, Moses _____.

The Comparison in the Text, Jesus

Jesus is our _____.

Jesus was _____.

Jesus "built" the _____.

We see Jesus as _____.

What Does This Mean?

Today is _____.

The writer of Hebrews _____.

Jesus came to _____.

Thanks be to God that Jesus _____.

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.

OffertoryPage 176

Service of the Sacrament

Preface Page 177

It is truly good, 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

Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #585 – Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide

#814 – O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 181

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction Page 183

Closing Hymn #680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise