



Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Prelude

Instrumental Music

Lois Nelson

Welcome & Introduction

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

All: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

All: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn**Come, We That Love the Lord-ELW 625 (vs 1,2,4)****Judy Ryken**

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with
but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march-ing through Im -



sweet accord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march-ing to Zion, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zion:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zion, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine- ELW 671

Judy Ryken

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the

2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us, play your like - ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free, by the truth you now bring us. mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me: Shine on me, shine on me:

Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us all pray together.

All: **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. Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Nancy Conrad

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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 Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99

Nancy Conrad & Congregation

¹ The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God’s name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God’s footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶ **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,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God’s holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Nancy Conrad

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th Chapter

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them,

saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ 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 Our Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Special Music

Gift of Music

Laurie Carlson

Message

God Does Speak

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

Hymn of the Day

Jesus on the Mountain Peak-ELW 317

Judy Ryken



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blas - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles Creed

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

Each petition ends with: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Offering

*We invite you to place your **Offering** in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Offering Prayer

P: As we lift up our offerings to the Lord, let us pray.

All: **God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Holy Communion: Words of Institution

Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

At Hope we practice Open Communion. We believe the invitation to the table comes from Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, you do not need to be a member of this or any other congregation to join in the meal. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the pastor know you prefer one when your turn comes. To preserve the solemnity as guests at Christ's table, please return silently to your seat and refrain from talking while others receive Holy Communion. There will be plenty of opportunity afterwards at our coffee hour.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

All: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing (*Please stand as you are able*)

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you; Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; Neither let it be afraid. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Amen.

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

Pastoral Needs – For any pastoral need, you can call or text Pastor Andreas Pielhoop at 415-577-5461 or via email at pielhoop77@earthlink.net.

Meet with Pastor Andreas – Pastor Andreas will have office hours on February 19 from 1pm-3pm in Card Room 1 upstairs at Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. You can make an appointment but walk-ins are welcome too.

Birthday Blessings go out to **Carol Heath** who celebrates her birthday on Feb 15

Thank you to **Laurie Carlson** for providing special music for today's worship!

Ash Wednesday is February 18. We will be having our Ash Wednesday service at 2pm in the Fireside Room. This service will NOT be live-streamed.

Our Hope Church Council meets both in-person and via Zoom on Wednesday, February 20, at 1pm at the Stanley Dollar Clubhouse in the Garden Room (downstairs). This will be a hybrid meeting.

Bible Study with Pastor Andreas – On Tuesday, February 17, we will meet at 2:00pm in the Bunker Room at Creekside. All are welcome.

Our Tenor-Bass (TTBB) Choir will rehearse & sing at worship on Sunday, Feb 22, at 9:15am. Come join us!

Fourth Wednesday Lunch Group – On Wednesday, February 25, we will gather for food and fellowship in Jesus' name at Buttercup (660 Ygnacio Valley Rd) at 11:30 a.m. Call Pastor Andreas at 415-577-5461 by February 23 so he can make a reservation.

Anchor Newsletter – if you are not currently receiving Hope’s Anchor newsletter and would like to, please give Robin your email address so you can be added to the distribution list.

Helpers & Worship Assistants for:

| Today – February 15 | Next Sunday – February 22 |
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| Presider Pastor Andreas Pielhoop | Presider Pastor Andreas Pielhoop |
| Altar Jean, Gerda | Altar Jean, Gerda, Kathy |
| Greeters Beth Abinanti, Bill Kuhnsman, Robin | Greeters Ingrid Wood, Karen Peterson, Robin |
| Lay Reader Nancy Conrad | Lay Reader Todd Thaning |
| Communion Assistants Mark & Karen Krauth | Communion Assistants John Moilan, Gerda Peterson |
| Ushers John Moilan, Karen Peterson | Ushers Mark & Karen Krauth |
| Livestream Chase | Livestream Jaxon |
| Special Music Laurie Carlson | Special Music TTBB |

| Ash Wednesday – February 18 |
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| Presider Pastor Andreas Pielhoop |
| Altar Jean, Gerda |
| Greeters Sigrid Beach, Robin |
| Lay Reader Jack Padley |
| Communion Assistants Jack & Mary Lyn Padley, Nancy Conrad, Robin |
| Ushers Sigrid Beach, Robin |
| Livestream none |
| Special Music Judy & Lois |

Readings for next Sunday, Feb 22: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 2; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Fellowship – Immediately following worship, please join us for a time of sharing coffee, goodies and great fellowship. Thank you to those helping with the set-up and clean-up. We ask one person from each table to bring their tray up to the counter at 12:15pm. This helps the clean-up tremendously. You are welcome to stay, socialize and drink coffee beyond that but we must have the clean-up completed by 1pm.

Rides to Church – Our volunteer drivers to worship are Sally Lionetti, Camilla Durham, Nancy Conrad (3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays only). If you need a ride to church, please contact them for the possibility of a ride.

Our Worship Service is available to live-stream and view online each week on our website. The link to the live-stream worship service is <https://bit.ly/3v6JTXm> The bulletin is available on the Hope website under the tab “Worship”. Select “Worship Bulletin” and click on the desired week.

Your Offering – If you would like to mail us your offering (including QCDs), please send it to: Hope Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek CA 94598 (This is Hope’s mailing address, not our worship location).

Please remember in prayer: Paula Tagliareni, Joan Birke (Carole Weyand’s friend), Haley Thaning (Todd’s daughter), Nancy Siebenand, Sandy Williams, Joseph Aiello (Karen Krauth’s dad), Wayne Anderson, Michael Foreman, Lina Hale, Steve & Kathy Peterson, Camilla Spanjer, Sara Wood, Carolyn Schick, Tom Lee



"We have this Hope of Christ's promises as an Anchor for our lives"

Hebrews 6:19