

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today is Transfiguration Sunday when we recall how Jesus appeared before the disciples in the dazzling divine light which continues to lighten and enlighten the world. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home at 10am on Sunday or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 14, 2021
Our Common Prayer at Home**

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance

from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its drivers!” But when Elisha could no longer see Elijah, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at:
<https://www.relcarlton.org/hw/20210214/playlist>*

PSALM 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
 calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
 God shines | forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
 with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
 to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
 for it is God | who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

In the Gospel according to Mark, the identity of Jesus—who Jesus really is—is repeatedly hidden in a secret. Here, in today's text, after Peter and the others see Jesus in shining clothing talking with Moses and Elijah—the two Old Testament figures who were taken to be with God, the two who stand for all the law and the prophets—and after they hear the very voice of God bearing witness to him, they then see only Jesus—just the man Jesus—and he tells them to say nothing until after the resurrection. Though they do not understand, they will soon enough see him killed, hidden in death. Now, this Sunday, we gather on the day of resurrection. And the hidden truth is to be told openly in our assemblies and in our homes. Mark's Gospel is that truth being told now. In its text, also we hear the voice from the mountain. In the power of the Spirit, the light of Jesus Christ shines in our hearts. What we see is not only the shining Son of God, but the Jesus who has gone to the cross, God with us in our suffering. That is the secret. Acting out of that hidden light we are invited to join Paul in serving others.

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman's Transfiguration of Our Lord Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210214/playlist>*

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210214/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #317

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

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!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Then pray these intercessions:

On this last Sunday after Epiphany, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding to each petition with the phrase, “Alleluia! Amen.”

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:

Alleluia! Amen.

O God of light, we pray for communities of faith around the globe, for our own congregation, for our pastor, and for all Christians who cannot gather for communal worship. Show us your face in our darkness, and speak your word of power to all the faithful.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:

Alleluia! Amen.

O Morning Star, we pray for the earth, for life forming in the dark earth and ocean depths, for creatures seen and unseen, and especially for the animals who require cold and ice. Give us your Spirit’s guidance in our stewardship of the planet.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:

Alleluia! Amen.

O Sun of righteousness, we pray for our nation’s elected leaders, for attorneys and juries, and for all who work for justice in our land. Give to them all integrity in service and courage to choose what is right. We pray for our citizenry, that prejudice cease, that resentment about the election wane, and that violence be averted.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:

Alleluia! Amen.

Beautiful Savior, we pray for all who suffer from Covid-19, for medical workers, and for all who await the vaccine. We pray for those enduring famine, for those experiencing homelessness, for the people of Yemen, and for all who live in war zones. We pray for all who are ill, for all who receive no medical care, and for those we name here before you: Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Gretchen Zeltner, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Frank Fuelling, Phillip Swingler, Michael Chaffier and family, Maria Liwski, John Showman, Grant Aldonis, Angie, Debbie, and Kat. Heal them with your loving might.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:
Alleluia! Amen.

Love divine, we pray for those who especially on this Valentine's Day feel lonely, for those who are abandoned, and for those who must live apart from their dear ones, especially for the children separated from their parents at our nation's border. Embrace all who are alone with your care.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:
Alleluia! Amen.

Shine, Jesus, shine, also on me, and receive the petitions of my heart.

A longer period of silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:
Alleluia! Amen.

We remember before you all who have died in the faith, especially the missionaries Cyril and Methodius and the reformer Martin Luther, and for those we name here before you: . . . Be with us in our every darkness, until at our end we join with the saints in your everlasting light.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:
Alleluia! Amen.

O holy Trinity, Light-Creator, Light of Light begotten, and Light-Revealer, receive our praise and hear our prayers, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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HYMN #318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - ilies still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

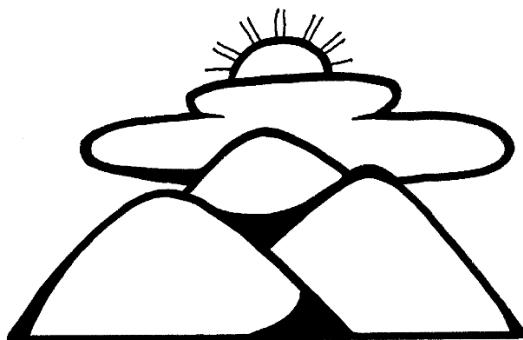
Holy God,
Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,
we hear your Word in the Scriptures,
proclaiming to us your wisdom
and inviting us to follow your call.
For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.
We thank you, O God.

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,
who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,
and revived the brokenhearted.
For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.
We worship you, O God.

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word,
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us,
now and forever. Amen.

Amen.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**
Amen.

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 110:1-4. **Tuesday** Job 19:23-27. **Wednesday** (Ash Wednesday) Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. **Thursday** (commemoration of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, 1546) Psalm 25:1-10. **Friday** 2 Timothy 4:1-5. **Saturday** Matthew 9:2-13. **First Sunday in Lent** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

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