



Time of ministry one to another
Prayers for healing, comfort, and strength

SENDING FORTH

Jesus on the Mountain Peak (Reprise)

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of ev'ry nation.
Hear and heed Him ev'ry one, sing with earth and all creation.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Sing with earth and all creation.

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Benediction:

God the Father, who sent his Spirit upon his Son, bless you with the presence of his Spirit.
Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father, abide in you and make you a manifestation of his life.
And God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power, empower you as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

“Narrative thinking *reverses* the world’s way of doing things ... We must stop standing outside the narrative and judging it by human reason or any other intellectual discipline. Such an approach makes God and God’s narrative an object of investigation. We become the arbiter of its truthfulness. Instead, we must stand *inside* the narrative. God is not an object within the narrative. When we stand inside the narrative by faith, we stand under, not over, him, and we see the world through the narrative, not the other way around.” (Robert E. Webber, *Who Gets to Narrate the World? Contending for the Christian Story in an Age of Rivals* [Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008], 129-130).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 14, 2010 (Epiphany 6: Transfiguration Sunday)

GATHERING

Leader:

The LORD is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

People:

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

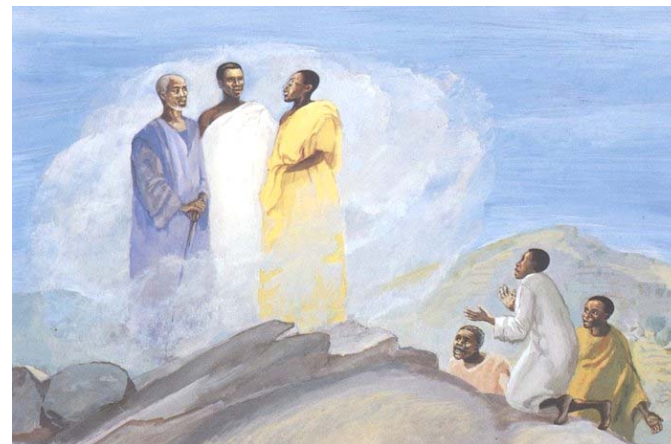
The LORD is great in Zion; He is high above all peoples.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God, and worship Him upon the holy mountain.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus’ disciples Peter, James, and John beheld the majesty of His glory. And from the mystery of a cloud they heard a voice declaring Him to be God’s Son.

We extol the Lord our God! Let us praise His great and awesome name together, and worship in His presence, for the Lord our God is holy.

- from Psalm 99 and Luke 9



“Transfiguration”, Jesus Mafa, Cameroon Africa, 1973



Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us if we dare to speak join the saints and angels praising.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Join the saints and angels praising.

Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Shout through them their joyful greeting.

Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder.
Jesus as the Son by name, nations cry aloud in wonder.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Nations cry aloud in wonder.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.



THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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 our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen

Come Expecting Jesus

Chorus

I come expecting Jesus to meet me in this place;
I come expecting to receive His mercy and His grace.
When I eat the bread and drink the wine,
It will be a holy moment in time.
I come expecting Jesus to meet me in this place.

Verse 1

Before us the table is spread:
Here waits the wine and here waits the bread;
This passage of hope, the bread and the cup,
Here where our souls are fed.

Verse 2

Remember the price that He paid,
This beautiful gift that He gave.
Come and receive the healing He freely gives,
Here where His love awaits.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Gracious Lord, through Your goodness and mercies You have blessed us with all we have, and all we are. With gratitude we willingly give back to You what is Yours. As Your covenant people we bow to You alone, bringing our humble offering of worship and honor and praise.

I Will Bow to You

Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone.
Lord, I will worship You,
Nothing hands have made, but You alone.

I will lay down my idols,
Thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone

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THE WORD

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



"Transfiguration", Bertrand Bahuët, 1995, St. Peter's Chapel, Curbans, France



High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the vict'ry is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing
came into being that has come into being.
In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the
world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were
His own did not receive Him.
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become
children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were
born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man,
but of God.
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His
glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace
and truth.
No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the
bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

- from John 1:1-14, 18

The color green is often used during the season of **Epiphany** which marks the revelation of God's gift of Himself to all. The Bible describes how wise men, Gentiles, from the East came to worship the Christ Child. Epiphany celebrates the glorious truth that God's Son came to earth for all humankind! Beginning with the day of Epiphany (January 6), the season continues until Ash Wednesday, and can include from four to nine Sundays. The color green denotes new life, growth, and renewal.





O, Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
(Oh, girded with praise.)

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
(Oh, sing of His grace.)

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
(Oh, worship the King, worship the King...)

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
(Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King...)

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God of transfiguration, You meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek You in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we confess that too often our eyes are blind to Your presence, too often our ears are deaf to Your call. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

—based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV