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Transfiguration of Our Lord with Holy Communion February 11, 2024

→ 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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*GATHERING SONG # 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! V. 1-4

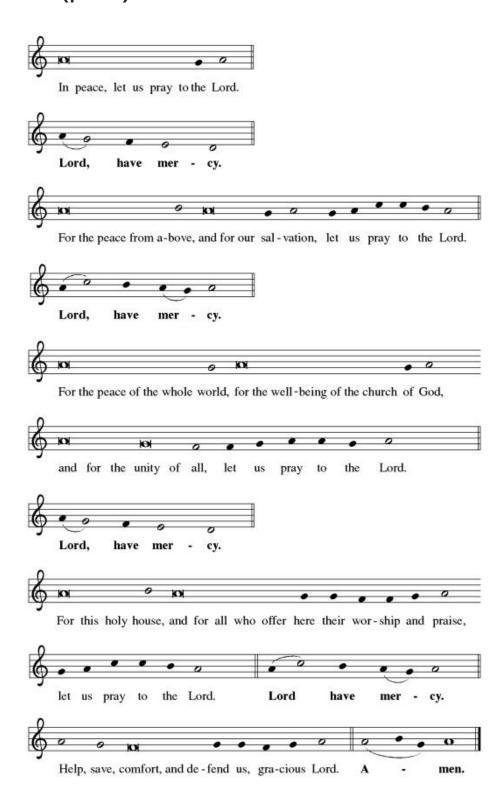


GREETING

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

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Let us pray. 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.**

ANTHEM (CHOIR)

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

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 he 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 he 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 horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

- ¹The mighty one, God the ¹ LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹ to its setting.
- ²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty, God shines | forth in glory.
- ³Our God will come and will ¹ not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹ 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

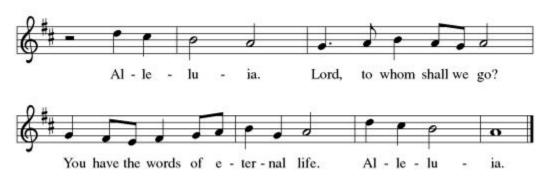
A reading from 2 Corinthians.

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

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, he 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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY # ELW 315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

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We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. Bring peace to Ukraine, the Middle East and all the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and in need especially the family and friends of Viola Giovinco, Judy, Susan, Sam, Jennifer, Rachel, and Mary Ellen; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, for the victims of the ongoing violence in Ukraine and the Middle East, and those we name before you now (pause). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died especially, Viola Giovinco. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, receive our prayer.

(Pastor) Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate

OFFERTORY HYMN (Bell Choir)

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

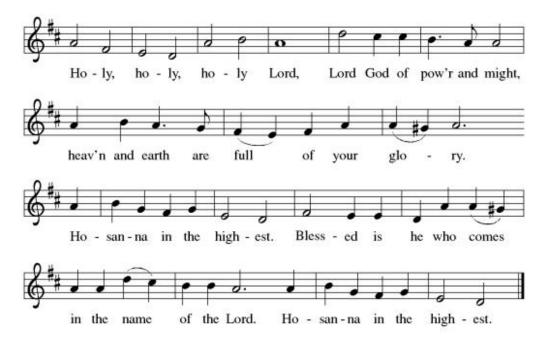
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the last celebration of Holy Communion, these elements were consecrated and we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These words were spoken;

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now we receive the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

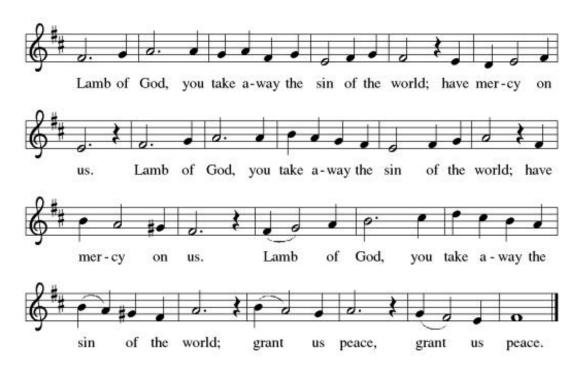
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

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LAMB OF GOD



Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you.

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COMMUNION HYMN #715 Christ, Be Our Light



*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power

for the benefit of all and to your glory,

now and forever.

Amen.

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SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, → bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This morning we welcome Synodical Deacon Vicki Elfers

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following worship. Thank you to Laura and Joe Kostecki, our hosts this week.

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Annual Congregational Meeting will be today, February 11, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. in Parish Hall.

At the meeting the Proposed 2024 Financial Budget will be shared, as well as a review of other reports from the ministries and Standing Committees of our congregation. This report will be available for those who attend in-person today.

In order to vote at Congregational Meetings you must be a Voting Member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Section 8.02 of St. Andrew's Constitution defines A Voting Member as:

- 1. A Confirmed Member (defined as a baptized person who has been confirmed in this congregation, or has been received as a member by adult baptism, or by transfer as a confirmed member of another Lutheran congregation, or received by affirmation of faith.)
- 2. who has communed during the current or previous calendar year, and has made some contribution to this congregation.
- 3. and is at least 18 years of age.

Please join us for this important gathering in the life of our congregation.

Ash Wednesday Services, Wednesday, February 14th Afternoon Service

12 Noon Worship with Holy Communion

Evening Service

7:30 P.M. In-person and livestreamed Worship with Holy Communion

Lenten Night Prayer

A special Lenten Night Prayer Service with meditation will be held 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 28 at St Thomas of Canterbury 90 Edgewater Ave, Smithtown. All St. Andrew's parishioners are welcome.

Stay tuned for the March dates.

Contemplative Night Prayer Fr. John Jeffrey of St. Thomas of Canterbury would like to invite our congregation to Wednesday evening *Contemplative Night Prayer* at *7 p.m.*, the first Wednesday of each month continuing through 2024. This is a liturgy of prayer, meditation, and sacred silence.

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Food Pantry HUGE thanks to all that were able to share their time volunteering at the pantry last month! It is so appreciated, especially given that it's such a busy time of year with the holidays. The pantry was exceptionally busy, as well, providing food for over 860 individuals or over 18,000 meals, just in the month of December, alone! Thankfully, there were many donations made through various food drives in the community. Donations of the following are still welcome and needed: Any non-pershiable foods, including canned ravioli/chili with protein, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruits and veggies, and soup. Toiletry items, laundry detergent and toilet paper are also needed. These donations can be placed in the marked basket in the Narthex of the church. Thank you so much for all of your continued support of the food pantry!

Community Outreach and Ministry St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues.

Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station serves as our coverage pastor. He can be reached anytime for pastoral care and emergencies at cell# 347-423-3623. If he is unable to answer, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. He can also be reached by email at pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631.265.2288 or info@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.

Bible Study: 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967)

Bible Study: 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran

Church, Port Jefferson Station

Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Family and friends of Viola "Vi" M. Giovinco, who has been called home to Christ

Melissa Zimmerman and her family [requested by Janice Raineri]

Mary Ellen Tiffany, John Grube, Richard Klouda, Teresa Caliguiri [requested by the Klouda Family]

Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa]

Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton]

Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]

Mary Fjellstad, Karen McDonough, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn,

Richard Lewis, Richard Angelo, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Sam Scheer [requested by the Francis family]

Jeff Hanson, Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Grabrielle Sconzo]

Susan Zanni, Pam Provetto [requested by Joe & Margie Costello]

Judy Zimmerman, Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]

Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]

Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Laura Hicks, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

Alex Hegarty, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Jeanne McCurdy, Stephanie Byrne, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin] Corporal August Detting Major William Fortin

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