



# Divine Service

Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020 • 10:45 am

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH • LUFKIN, TEXAS

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*The people's spoken responses are in **bold**; sung responses are in **bold**. For those worshipers who desire it, concurrent nursery care for children through 5 years of age is available at all of our regularly scheduled services. Should you be led to worship through giving, brass offering boxes are located in the wall on the narthex side of the center aisle doors. Kindly silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The entrance tower bell and carillon bells are rung.*

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*"Prelude on 'Jesus Loves Me'"*

arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 18

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*St. Denio*

### OPENING PRAYER

*The people sit.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Matthew 17:1-5

Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir introduces the psalm with the antiphon:*

*℟ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God; He is the Holy One.*

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion;

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

**Holy is he!** ℟

The King in his might loves justice.

**You have established equity;**

you have executed justice

**and righteousness in Jacob.**

Exalt the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

**for the Lord our God is holy!** ℟

*The people stand.*

THE GLORIA PATRI • 615

*Meineke*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.***

HYMN • 3

*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*

*Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

*The people sit.*

ANTHEM

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

Bradbury (1816-1868); arr. Ferguson (2004)

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, He who died heaven’s gates to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, He will stay, close beside me all the way. He calls children to His side, saying, “Come with me abide.” Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. (*Anna Warner, 1827-1915*).

THE SERMON

The Reverend Randall K. Green

*“To Such Belongs the Kingdom of God”*

*The people stand at the conclusion of the sermon.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

THE DOXOLOGY • 621

*Old 100th*

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise  
Him above, ye, heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The people sit.*

**CHILD DEDICATION**

*Parents: Dakota & Haley Green; Child: Sawyer Wayne Green*

INTRODUCTION

*The minister pronounces the Scriptural Charge.*

THE PARENTS' COMMITMENT

*The minister inquires as to the parents' commitment to bring up their child in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

THE CHURCH'S COMMITMENT

*The minister inquires as to the Church's commitment to support and encourage the parents in their task, after which the people say,*

**With joy and thanksgiving, and with God's help, we promise to love, encourage and support you as you follow Christ in training up your child in the faith.**

THE BLESSING

*The minister invokes God's blessings on the child and family, to which the people respond, by praying,*

**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. Amen.**

*The people stand.*

## THE CLOSING RITE

RECESSIONAL HYMN • 147

*“When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne”*

*Kingsfold*

CLOSING PRAYER

*The minister pronounces the prayer, and the people respond, Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*“Postlude on ‘St. Denio’ ”*

arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)



**WORSHIP LEADERS** The Reverend Randall K. Green, *minister*; Mr. M. Todd Stracener, *lector*; Mr. David C. Lawson, *organist*; *The Christ Church Chorale*; Mason Eppley, *acolyte*.

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