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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**PRELUDE** **The Transfiguration** Paul Benoit

**INTROIT** **Eight Orisons, No. 7** Harold Friedell

Give fellowship, we pray in love and joy and peace, that we in counsel, knowledge, might, and wisdom, may increase.

—*Percy Deamer*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

**\*HYMN 451** **Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*OPENING SENTENCES** The Reverend Laura Colee

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around the LORD.**

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the LORD may judge God's people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare the LORD's righteousness, for God alone is judge.**

*Psalm 50:1-6*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**



A - men.

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

## WELCOME

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, from the mountaintop, we have seen your glory. But your glory is not confined to the mountaintop. Your goodness and mercy are amply displayed throughout our lives: In the company of your people, the church, in the redemption of broken ways of being, in the healing of relationships long-stranded. Your goodness is manifold. We are sustained by your presence, we are surrounded by your abundance, we are forgiven by your grace, and yet it takes a mountaintop to confront us with your glory. Even then, we are all too happy not to tell the others. Forgive us, we pray, and open our eyes to the myriad ways that you support and uphold us. And when we have been reminded, transform us into worthy disciples who will tell the good news...

### KYRIE (573) *(Choir and Congregation)*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

#### ANTHEM

*O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.  
—Liturgy of the Hours*

#### *O Nata Lux*

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in  
flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.

Morten Lauridsen

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

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#### EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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#### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

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This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be. Amen.

**SERMON**

**Drenched In Light**

Dr. Mullis

*Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,  
“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”  
Mark 9:7*

**\*HYMN 462**

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

RATISBON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.  
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

**OFFERTORY**

**Hide Not Thy Face**

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy’s sake, deliver us from all our sins.  
—Psalm 27:9

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE 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 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.

**\*HYMN 73**

**Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory**

GENEVA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**Eight Orisons, No. 6**

Harold Friedell

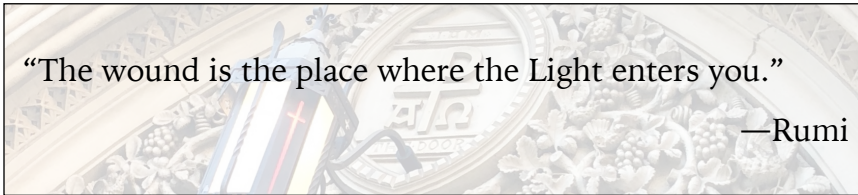
Save us, O Lord, waking,  
Guard us, O lord, sleeping,  
That awake we may watch with Christ  
And asleep we may rest in peace.  
—*Office of Compline*

**POSTLUDE**

**Festive Trumpet Tune**

David German

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 11, 2024**

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Thursday, February 15

Session

6:30 p.m.

**TWENTIES & THIRTIES GROUP**

**Today** after 11 a.m. worship, T&Ts will be taking a trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to engage in the spiritual practice known as *visio divina*. We will spend some time looking at certain pieces together, and then you will be free to explore the museum. If you'd like to join us, please reach out to Laura Colee ([youngadults@fpcphila.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcphila.org))!

**ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14**

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. First Church will hold two services with imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 7 p.m. The evening service will be live streamed. (On street parking is available with placard.)

**CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Who we are, our cultures, backgrounds, and communities, invariably (and appropriately) shape how we read the Bible. But what if our background skews our understanding of scripture in a way that leads away from the Gospel, even to idolatry? What then? In this year's Schneider Speaker Series, Dr. Brian Blount, president emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will help us explore the ways we read the Bible, with a particular focus on Christian Nationalism. Registration is required; visit our website, scan the QR code, or call the church office (215-567-0532) to register.



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