

### OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

### PRELUDE

*Beautiful Savior*, arr. C. Ore

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you bring us together in this place, we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.  
**People: God, you challenge us in this place, we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.**  
Leader: God, you are revealed in this place, sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.  
**People: God as we worship in this place, refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see who you are and know of your everlasting love.**

### HYMN 193

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*, Unser Herrscher

1. Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

2. What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe. Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

3. What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word, Listen listen, everyone; this is my beloved Son.

4. Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified, where you shouted It is finished! Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned centurion: Truly this was God's own Son!

5. We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James and John: You are God's beloved Son!

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate. You give us the ministry of reconciliation: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration: Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us. You bless our lives with boundless love: Yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ...(continue to silent confession) Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected.

**People:** **But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory!**

**Leader:** Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven! Go, share the vision!

**People:** **Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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." Elijah 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. The 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." Then 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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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.

When 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." He 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." As 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. Elisha 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.

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As 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.

## SERMON

*Who Is Jesus?*

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**HYMN 192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining, Shine, Jesus Shine*

1.Lord, the light of your love is shining , in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

2.Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter you brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me. [Refrain]

**Refrain:**

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

3.As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display you likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me [Refrain]

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*, arr. R. Lind

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