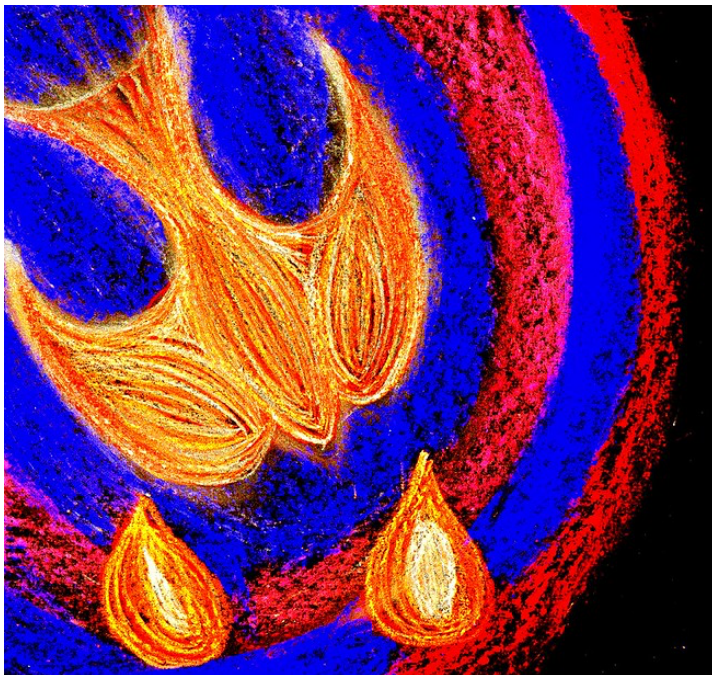


# Transfiguration of Our Lord

## *Affirmation of Baptism*

February 11, 2024



*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

(Psalm 118:24)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# We Gather

## WELCOME & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #671

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

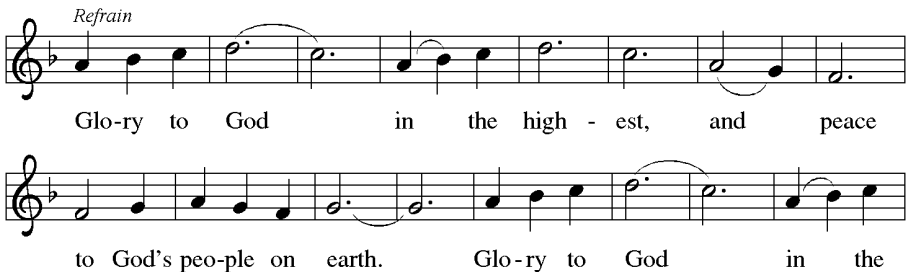
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

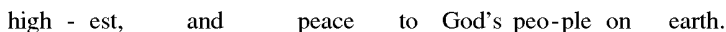
*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

(Congr.) 1. Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
James, and John, we are daz - zled by Your glo - ry,  
light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
for the night \_\_\_\_\_ by the vi - sion  
of \_\_\_\_\_ that sight.

**2. All Women**

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. All Men**

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, ev’ryone,  
This is my beloved Son!”

**4. Choir Only**

*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. All**

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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# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*Cantor Kurt Schmidt: I present Estela Nasia Raphael and Morgan David Clancy, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.*

Let us pray...Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Estela & Morgan: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Estela & Morgan: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Estela & Morgan: *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Estela & Morgan: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support this sister and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Estela and Morgan the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with this sister and brother in Christ. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

### OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## We Feast at the Lord's Table

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

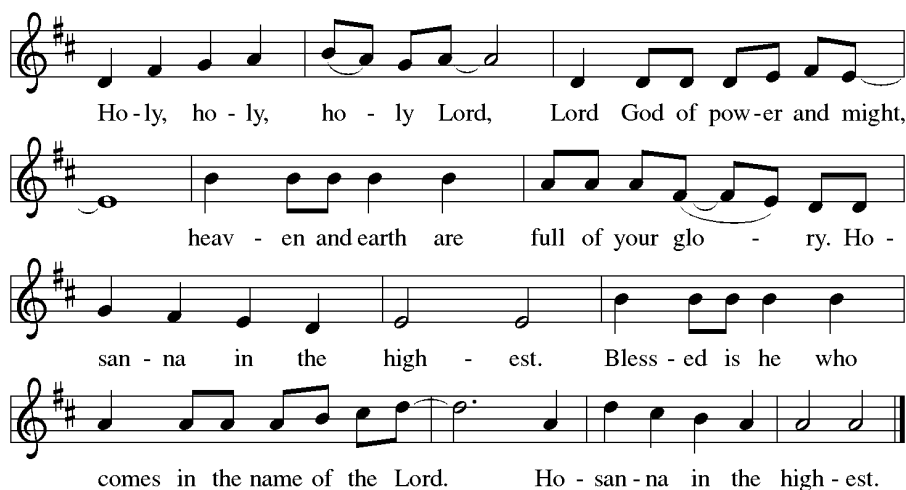
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Music by Cantor Peter J. Rizzo

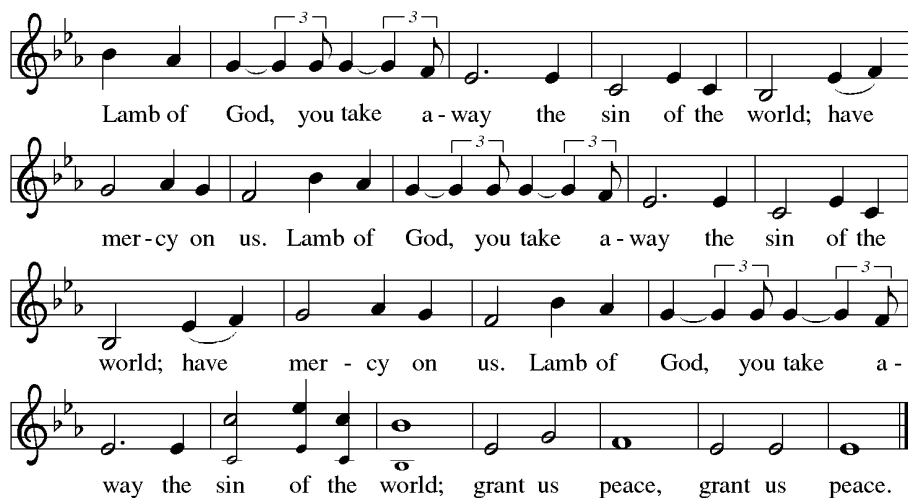
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal-low-ed be your  
name, hal-low-ed be your name. Your king-dom come, your  
will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread and for - give us all our  
sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us, as we for-give those who sin a -  
gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from  
e - vil, de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For yours is the  
king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver and e - ver, for  
e - ver and e - ver. A - men, a - men. A - men.

## SHARING THE MEAL

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



### Music During the Sharing of the Meal

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Hymn #715

## We Are Sent into the World

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### BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...**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.**

### 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

Hymn #318, Verses 1-3

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

## Holy Communion at Zion

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Christ's table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.

## For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

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If you would like to submit a name(s) to include in our **Prayers of the People**, please use an index card from the Welcome Table and place it in the prayer basket at the altar **before the Hymn of the Day**. In order to keep our prayer list current, all names must be resubmitted each week if you desire continued prayers.

## Opportunities to “Just Show Up”

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**Come back at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon** for our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn Festival, featuring our Cantors, musicians from the congregation and community, and guest organist Ryan-Michael Blake. We will also rededicate our church sanctuary and pipe organ to the glory of God for the next 65 years!

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer that begins the 40-day season of Lent. We receive ashes as a reminder that “we are dust, and to dust we will return.” We will gather to worship on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## Opportunities to Serve Joyfully & Give Selflessly

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### Spare Change & Soup for Super Bowl Sunday

Beginning today and continuing through the end of February, you are invited to bring your spare change for a “noisy offering” and cans of soup to worship on Sunday mornings. The spare change will go toward buying additional shelf-stable items for our friends at Nina's Place.

**Sunday Morning Worship Leadership** (Greeters,  
Assisting Ministers, Readers, Coffee Fellowship)



**Prayer Team at Nina's Place!**

**Nina's Place** is always in need of volunteers! To get connected for our Thursday & Friday food deliveries, speak to Cantor Kurt Schmidt to be added to the What's App group. To sign up for a Saturday volunteer spot, visit [www.ninasplacedfb.org](http://www.ninasplacedfb.org).

**Looking Ahead to Wednesdays in Lent**  
**February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, & 20 in Katie Luther Chapel**



**5:30 p.m.      *Dinner***  
**6:00 p.m.      *Conversation/Educational Forum***  
**7:30 p.m.      *Holden Evening Prayer***

In partnership with Deerfield Beach Community Cares, we are hosting a series of classes on food and money for our Nina's Place families. The first three weeks will cover food-related topics, be facilitated by Feeding South Florida, and be offered in English, Spanish, and Creole. The last two classes will cover budgeting and credit and be facilitated by First Horizon Bank.

Let's demonstrate our Zion spirit of hospitality. We will help serve dinner, eat and learn with our neighbors, and end the evening with prayer. Holden Evening Prayer will also be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.



# Today's Readings

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## First Reading

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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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."

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

## Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6; tone 10



The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup> LORD,  
has spoken;  
calling the earth  
from the rising of the sun  
<sup>1</sup> to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup> in its beauty,  
God shines <sup>1</sup> forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup> Our God will come  
and will <sup>1</sup> not keep silence;

*continued*

with a consuming flame before,  
and round about a <sup>1</sup> raging storm.  
<sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth  
<sup>1</sup> from above  
to witness the judgment  
<sup>1</sup> of the people.

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me  
my <sup>1</sup> loyal followers,  
those who have made  
a covenant with me  
and sealed <sup>1</sup> it with sacrifice."  
<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare  
the rightness <sup>1</sup> of God's cause,  
for it is God <sup>1</sup> who is judge.

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim our-

selves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

## Gospel

## 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>He did not

know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>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.