



**Jona Abbey**

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***Sunday Communion Service A (Iona Community)***

*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.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**P** With Nature in its power and beauty, in pouring rains and bright sunlight, in mighty old trees and new blades of grass.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** With believers and seekers, with people from every land, and speakers of every language.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** With the angels and saints in heaven, with all who have worshipped in this place.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers us with blessings.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** Here let heaven and earth be united.

**C Here may God's people find a home.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Thy Strong Word*

**PAGES 3 & 4**

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er

thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

**GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our attention and our true selves full of love that we do not show.

**C God, by your grace, forgive us.**

P For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money, and the excuses we should never have made.

**C God, by your grace, forgive us.**

P For all we should be and all we can amend.

**C God, in your love, renew us.**

P For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us.

**C God, in your love, prepare us.**

P For the life of the world and the love of its people.

**C God, in your love, commit us.**

**A Kyrie Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison  
Amen.**

P Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me. Glory to the Creator who gives us life, to Jesus whose love remakes our souls, to the Spirit that walks with us in this journey. Glory be to God forever more.

**C Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 2:1-12

*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.*

L Listen for God's Word

### C Our hearts and minds are open.

<sup>1</sup>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.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

### C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 50:1-6**

*Spoken responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.**  
<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.  
<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.**  
<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”  
<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,  
for it is God who is judge.**

**SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

*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.*

**L** Listen for God’s Word

**C** Our hearts and minds are open.

<sup>3</sup>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 ourselves; 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.

**L** God be in our hearing of your word this day.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-9**

*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.*

<sup>2</sup>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.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

**C Thanks be to God.**

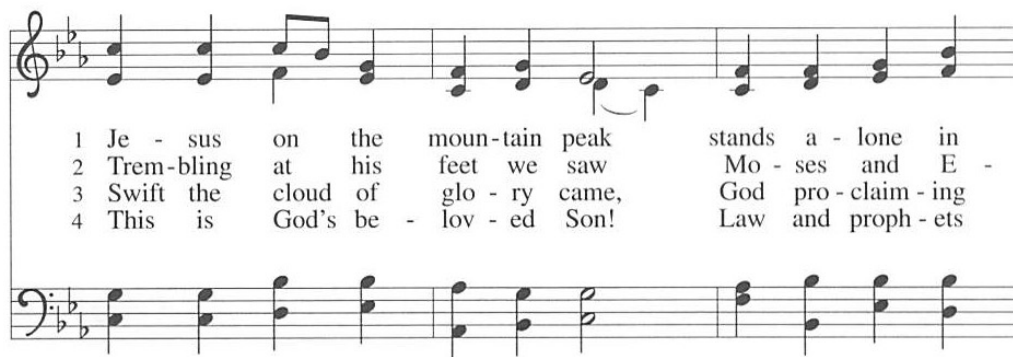
**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

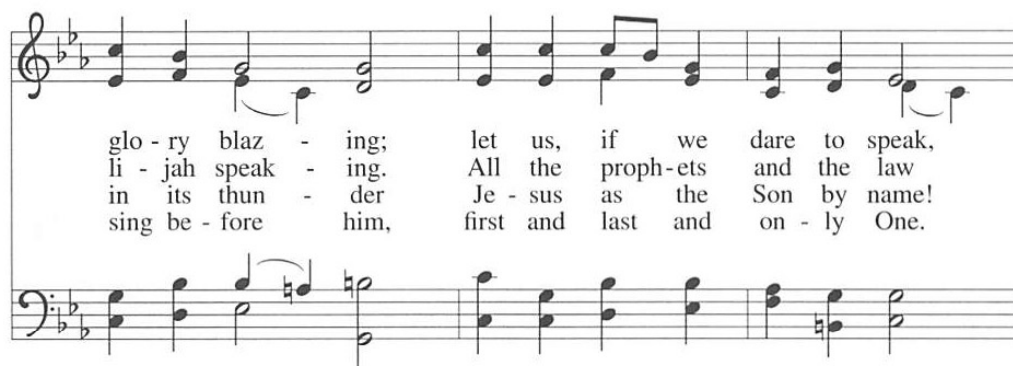
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*Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

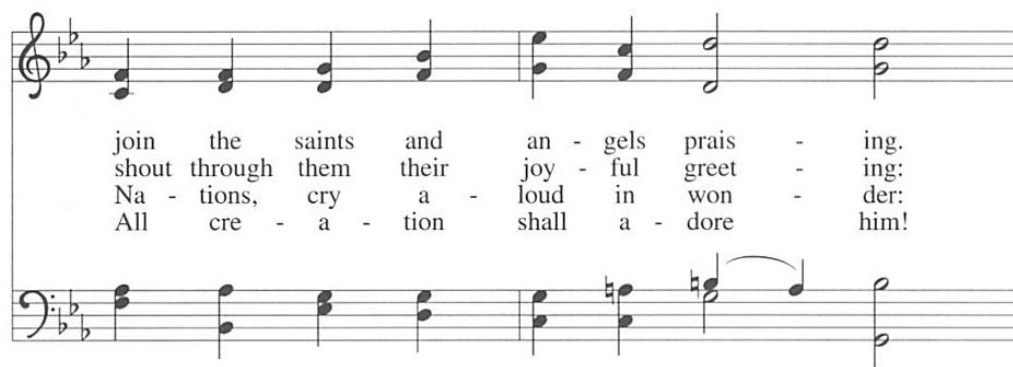




1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law  
 in its thun - der. Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**A** We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, who set the sun and moon in the sky, who gave us water and earth to thrive, and created humans with vast diversity yet all children of you.

We believe in God beside us, in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, healer of the sick, servant of the poor, tortured, nailed and died on a cross. A man of compassion; he died for our sins. He descended into the earth and into the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. His kingdom will come on earth in the last days.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit, the fire of that Pentecost day, the life-giving breath of the church to preach to all the lands. The Spirit that brings unity to all followers around the world. The Spirit that brings healing, forgiveness, and resurrection to all. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

**A** Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A** For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A** For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A** For all who suffer this day, especially Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don Longren, Martha Nemeth, and Chuck Sodergren, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community and that of Trinity Lutheran in Hays, Faith Lutheran in Oberlin, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village, Kansas, Immanuel Lutheran in Kansas City, and Lutheran Senior Services in St. Louis, Missouri, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the joys of this congregation: Jane Lewis, Chuck Sodergren, and Howard Reece as they celebrate their birthdays and Sam & Charlotte Blenden as they celebrate their wedding anniversary, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**PEACE**

P In your forgiveness from Christ, may you go in peace to spread love to all those you see this day. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P All that we have and all that we are is a gift of God's grace to us. Let us return with thankfulness and use what we possess for God's glory this day.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

P The Lord be with you

**C and also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them up to God.**

P Let us give thanks to God our Maker,

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to our God. We praise your name and join in their unending praise:

**C Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

P Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to the example that Jesus gave us. He promised to be with those who meet in his name.

**C This we believe.**

P He said that in the communion of bread and wine, that he would be present with us as we remember him.

**C This we celebrate.**

P So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service in the world.

**C Amen.**

P As Jesus did, so we do this day. We break this bread. (*The bread is broken*) We share this cup. (*The cup is raised*) We believe that he who lived, died, and rose again for us is present in these. We share these in remembrance and forgiveness that Christ calls us to in this meal.

Around this table, at this meal, we pray those words given to us by our Lord and Savior,

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C 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 THE MEAL**

P Take this bread, share this cup. In these Christ comes to us with love from God.  
These are the gifts of God for the people of God, let us be glad in them this day!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**C Graciously nourish us, Jesus Christ, so that we who try to follow you may receive this spiritual food for our faith journey and be bound in unity with all who walk in your way. Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**PRAYER**

P Give thanks for all God's goodness

**C God's love shall last forever.**

P Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received deep in our souls enable us to enrich the lives of others in our life wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts open, our hands embracing, our lives ever surrounded and lifted in this love that you showed us this day around your table of grace.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go. In the name of God, the Giver of Life, of Jesus, the fount of love, and of the Holy Spirit, the bearer of Peace, this blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and evermore.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

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**DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

*End*  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 14 .....Online Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM

Wed., Feb. 17 .....Ash Wednesday..... \_\_\_\_\_

Thurs., Feb. 11 ..... Operation Food Secure delivery ..... 4:30 PM  
 ..... Midweek Zoom Meeting ..... 6:30 PM

Sunday, Feb. 21 .....Online Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... ANNUAL MEETING via Zoom .....after worship

### OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Jan. 17	\$1,650.00	\$100.00	\$1,750.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,042.00	0
Jan. 24	\$1,646.23	\$130.00	\$1,776.23	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,015.77	0
Jan. 31	\$3,869.56	\$650.00	\$4,519.56	-\$2,792.00	\$1,727.56	0
Feb. 7	\$2,975.00	\$125.00	\$3,100.00	-\$2,792.00	\$308.00	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Dec 2020	\$9,750.00	-\$10,742.78	-\$992.78	
		Jan. - Dec	\$112,462.94	-\$121,859.29	-\$9,396.35	

Doorstep is in need of warm clothing and bedding items for their clothing bank.

**They need Men's Gloves, Men's & Women's Plus Size Coats 2X & up, Full & Queen Size Blankets.**

These should be gently used items, not new.

We take clothing and household donations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am – 2pm. Please come in the south door off the parking lot with donations. The West door stays locked.

### ***Remember our shut-ins!***

Peggy Buchholz  
 Don Longren  
 Marlene Hassan

Roy O'Neil  
 Ron Owensby

Keith Springer  
 Naomi Walker





The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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