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Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



Kelly Latimore, *Transfiguration*, 2014.

Today, we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. Our Gospel lesson provides a vivid description of a mountaintop transformation, where Jesus's face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light in the presence of Peter, John, and James. The presence of Moses and Elijah emphasizes that the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. The Transfiguration also recalls Moses's encounter with God on Mt. Sinai. Our reading from 2 Peter also testifies to the Transfiguration, recalling that the Apostles were eyewitnesses to Jesus's majesty.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Mäßig schnell-Lebhaft (Sonata I)

Paul Hindemith
(1895–1963)

Introit

Lumière de Dieu

Communauté du Grandchamp

Lumière de Dieu, inonde la terre,
visite nos cœurs, et demeure avec nous.

Come light, light of God, give light to creation,
enlighten our hearts, and remain with your world.

—*Communauté du Grandchamp, Switzerland*

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

EBENEZER

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary and the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are shut to your call. When you reach out to us through the cries of the hungry and those without shelter, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us and set us free to love and serve. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*All rise as able

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Holy God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Increase in us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the Gospel and shine with your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 68 in pew Bibles.

Exodus 24:12–18

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

O Nata Lux

Morten Lauridsen

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
hear the praises and prayers offered by your supplicants.
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members of your blessed body.*

—trad. Latin hymn

New Testament Lesson | NT page 222 in pew Bibles.

2 Peter 1:16–21

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn | See hymn printed at end of the worship guide. Stanzas 1 and 2.
All turn to face the Gospel procession.

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 17–18 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 17:1–9

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn | See hymn printed at end of the worship guide. Stanzas 3 and 4.

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Sermon

I wonder...

Response

*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.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Mission of the Month

Offertory Anthem

Gloria (*Berliner Messe*)

Arvo Pärt

Sung in Latin. Translation:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you. We bless you. We adore you.
We glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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.

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

Go in Peace

Sally Ann Morris

Go in peace. Go in love.
Go to seek. Go to serve.
Go in hope to work and pray,
and God goes with you all the way.

—*Mary Louise Bringle*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | See hymn printed at end of the worship guide.

How Good Lord, to Be Here

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Postlude

Litanies

Jehan Alain
(1911–1940)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following the postlude, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel; worship guides for the service are available near the entrance. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Ryan Wilson *Senior Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Daniel Parham *Congregation Divinity School Intern; Divinity '27*

Preacher

Lyn Pace *Assistant Dean of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

Mission of the Month

Anne Red Wright *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Lectors

Noella Barron *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '26*
David Ntim *Chapel Scholar; Pratt '26*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
David Lim *Chapel Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Aaron Colston *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Pete Acker *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Mission of the Month | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the expendable portion of the Mite Box Fund. These resources are used to assist neighbors in need through one time contributions for immediate expenses, such as rent payments and power and water bills. Monies collected through Lent in the Mite Boxes will also be used for this fund. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. You may also give directly to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel by check written to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel or online at congregation.chapel.duke.edu and access the giving link.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

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GATHERING HYMN | Jesus on the Mountain Peak



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



lone in glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we
and E - li - jah speak - ing. All the prophets
claim - ing in its thun - der Je - sus as the
proph - ets sing be - fore him, first and last and



dare to speak, join the saints and an - gels
and the law shout through them their joy - ful
Son by name! Na - tions, cry a - loud in
on - ly One. All cre - a - tion shall a -



prais - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
won - der: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
dore him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SENDING HYMN | How Good, Lord, to Be Here

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty
3. Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of
4. Be - fore we taste of death, we see your
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may

fills the night; your face and gar - ments,
to be - hold where Mo - ses and E -
things to be, we hail your bod - y
king - dom come; we long to hold the
not re - main; but since you bid us

like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson (1858–1933), alt.
Music: W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book* (1854)

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Hearing assistance technology, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, is available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. For other accommodations, please approach a minister or usher.

RESTROOMS

For public restrooms, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and turn left to enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the Divinity School hallway.

TOURS

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