



The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2014

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”.

Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells.

Prelude

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *This Is My Beloved Son*

John Ness Beck

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 99)

Holy One, ruler of the universe, all the peoples praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is God, who delivers us from captivity.

You led us through the wilderness in a pillar of fire and a cloud of smoke:

Praise the LORD! Worship at the holy mountain of God, for the LORD is holy.

* Hymn 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of light, as this season of light draws to its close, help us to see your glorious face as we are meant to see it, in the faces of our brothers and sisters here on Earth. We confess that we have not looked for you in the faces of others. We confess to you all the times when in the faces of your beloved children, we have seen only the reflection of our own shortcomings. We confess our doltishness, our willfulness, and the distorted perception of our self-centered fear. Illumine our path, and give us the willingness to follow it, even when there is darkness all around it; even when it becomes steep and unlovely; for it is step by step that we reach the mountaintop, and from the mountaintop that you show us the Promised Land. Teach us not to fear but to trust, praying in the strong name of Jesus... (*Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection*) Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* Gloria (sing once in unison, twice in a round)

from Taizé Hymnal

Glor - y to God, Glor - y to God, Glor - y to God in the high - est.

Glor - y to God, Glor - y to God, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 322 Spirit of the Living God

First Reading Exodus 24:9-18

On the Mountain with God

9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.¹¹ God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

12 The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Anthem

Second Reading Matthew 17:1-13

The Transfiguration

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, 'Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?'¹¹ He replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things;¹² but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.'¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* **HYMN 357** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

(Please sign the Friendship Rosters found at the end of the pew,
noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* **Doxology 592**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

You have blessed us, O God, and we give you thanks, through these offerings from your bounty and with lives of service. Reveal to us your loving will, and give us delight in the vision you spread before us. Grant that we may be a blessing to all we meet, as we walk in the Way of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

* **Hymn 510** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

QUEBEC

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, with Intercessions

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And forget not all God's benefits.

Let us pray:

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve you and the world you so love, even as in Christ you have served us. AMEN.

* **HYMN 2173** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

* **BENEDICTION**

The benediction of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham,

The benediction of the Son, who was born of Mary,

The benediction of the Holy Spirit of love,

Who watches over us like a mother for her children,

Descend upon us all. Amen.

(We join with the members of our sister church in San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba in sharing this benediction on the first Sunday of each month.)

CHORAL RESPONSE *Cuban Benediction*

arr. Mark Orton

POSTLUDE

please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- 8:45 Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Parlor
 - 9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Kate Jones Calone preaching; Ordination/Installation of New Officers; Childcare (ages 1 - 3)
 - 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
 - 11:00 Confirmation Class in the Confirmation Cave (downstairs)
 - 11:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 - 11:00 Parenting Workshop in the Parlor
 - 11:00 Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
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