

'Transfigure Us O Lord' - Choir

**Refrain:**  
**Transfigure us, O Lord**  
**Transfigure us, O Lord.**  
**Break the chains that bind us;**  
**Speak your healing word, and**  
**Where you lead we'll follow.**  
**Transfigure Us, O Lord**

Down from heights of glory, Into the depths below.  
The love of God self emptied, The love of God to show.  
You light the path before us, The way that we must go. **Refrain**

Light for those in darkness, The hungry have their fill,  
Glad tidings for the humble, The healing of all ills;  
In these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled **Refrain**

Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep,  
A drink of living water for all who thirst and seek,  
And feasting at your table the lowly and the least. **Refrain**

To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go;  
Shall we journey with you and share your paschal road? **Refrain**

Bob Hurd

## POST COMMUNION

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FINAL HYMN:** 'Lord, the Light of Your Love' – (416)

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Sunday before Lent

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**GATHERING HYMN:** 'Longing for Light' – (401)

## COLLECT

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## FIRST READING

**2 Kings 2: 1—12**

Not long before the Lord took Elijah up into heaven in a strong wind, Elijah and Elisha were leaving Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "The Lord wants me to go to Bethel, but you must stay here."

Elisha replied, "I swear by the living Lord and by your own life that I will stay with you no matter what!" And he went with Elijah to Bethel. A group of prophets who lived there asked Elisha, "Do you know that today the Lord is going to take away your master?" "Yes, I do," Elisha answered. "But don't remind me of it."

Elijah then said, "Elisha, now the Lord wants me to go to Jericho, but you must stay here."

Elisha replied, "I swear by the living Lord and by your own life, that I will stay with you no matter what!" And he went with Elijah to Jericho. A group of prophets who lived there asked Elisha, "Do you know that today the Lord is going to take away your master?" "Yes, I do," Elisha answered. "But don't remind me of it."

Elijah then said to Elisha, "Now the Lord wants me to go to the Jordan River, but you must stay here."

Elisha replied, "I swear by the living Lord and by your own life that I will never leave you!" So the two of them walked on together.

Fifty prophets followed Elijah and Elisha from Jericho, then stood at a distance and watched as the two men walked toward the river. When they got there, Elijah took off his coat, then he rolled it up and struck the water with it. At once a path opened up through the river, and the two of them walked across on dry ground.

After they had reached the other side, Elijah said, "Elisha, the Lord will soon take me away. What can I do for you before that happens?"

Elisha answered, "Please give me twice as much of your power as you give the other prophets, so I can be the one who takes your place as their leader."

"It won't be easy," Elijah answered. "It can happen only if you see me as I am being taken away."

Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking, when suddenly there appeared between them a flaming chariot pulled by fiery horses. At once, a strong wind took Elijah up into heaven. Elisha saw this and shouted, "Israel's cavalry and chariots have taken my master away!" After Elijah had gone, Elisha tore his clothes in sorrow.



For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING

### 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

If there is anything hidden about our message, it is hidden only to someone who is lost.

The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like.

We are not preaching about ourselves. Our message is that Jesus Christ is Lord. He also sent us to be your servants.

The Scriptures say, "God commanded light to shine in the dark." Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL HYMN— 'Tis Good Lord, to be Here'

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past!  
Promise of things to be!  
We hail your body glorified,  
And our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright,  
And make this hill our home.

## We sing verse 5 after the Gospel reading

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

*Joseph A Robinson*

## GOSPEL

### Mark 9: 2-9

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him. They went up on a high mountain, where they could be alone. There in front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. And his clothes became much whiter than any bleach on earth could make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But Peter and the others were terribly frightened, and he did not know what he was talking about.

The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and his disciples were coming down the mountain, he told them not to say a word about what they had seen, until the Son of Man had been raised from death.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE GIFTS:**  
'Christ is the World's Light' – (88)

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

'God of Mercy, God of Grace' – (210)

