



Scripture

Mark 9:7-8

*Silence*

Sermon

“God Is Speaking”

Pastor Pam: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Prayers of the People

Liturgist: Let us pray, offering our intercessions with the church and the world in the words of the Jesus Prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy.” Lord Jesus Christ, you reveal yourself to your disciples, and to us, in all your glory. We are left speechless. Send us the Holy Spirit to pray in and through us for the church and the world with sighs too deep for words:

*(The congregation is invited to offer words of peace and greeti*

Pastor: Live in love, and Christ loved us, and gave himself up for us and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2, NRSV)

Offering

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy.**

Offertory

For the leaders and members of your church throughout the world, that we may not seek to build shrines, but listen to you in simple obedience:

\*Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy.**

**Dismissal with Blessing**

For the leaders of nations, corporations, states, cities, and other seats of influence and power, that their hearts and actions may be turned toward justice, peace, and the common good of all people:

Pastor: Jesus shines with glory.

**We are his body.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy.**

God speaks the sober truth.

**We must listen to Jesus, and follow where he leads.**

For all who are sick, hurting, or dying, and for all who accompany them on journeys toward healing or release, and those concerns we have brought to this place.

You who shine now with Christ’s glory,  
go now from the mountain into the valley,  
from rejoicing to suffering,  
from fellowship to persecution,  
from a vision of eternal life to the realities of mortality,  
from Transfiguration to Lent.

*(The congregation is invited to voice joys and concerns. A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.)*

God has work for us to do.

Hear our prayer,

Let’s get ourselves

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy.**

and the seekers in our midst

ready to do it:

For all who are abused or oppressed, and all who suffer because of war, or famine, or disaster, or imprisonment, that justice and deliverance may come:

in the name of God,

Holy Three, Holy One.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy.**

**Amen.**

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sin, and for the courage of Elisha to dare to ask for a double portion of your Spirit that we may boldly follow where Jesus leads:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us, sinners in your sight.**

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Janet Vertrees, Liturgist

Mountainside Choir

Kris Jaffa, Cajon

Dee Short, Organist

Karen Blackmore, Pianist

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